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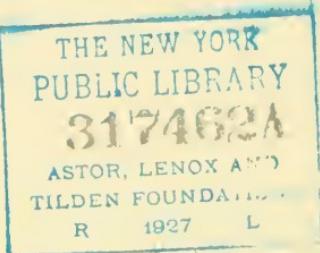
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Dedicated to those Pioneers who pinned their faith to  
the ultimate prosperity of Owyhee County, and  
expended their "bottom dollar" to  
achieve that result.





## ***HISTORICAL.***

The state of Idaho is a portion of that vast territory lying west of the Mississippi river which was acquired by purchase from France, during the administration of President Jefferson, in 1803. In the spring of 1804 an expedition in charge of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark was organized under the auspices of the United States government, for the purpose of exploring the newly-acquired territory. The expedition started in May, 1804, and wintered on the Missouri river in what is now Montana. On September 11, 1805, they crossed the Bitter Root mountains, and nine days later reached a settlement of the Nez Perce Indians, on Clearwater river. After many days of severe privations and hardships they succeeded in reaching the mouth of the Columbia river on November 14, 1805, where they wintered, and left the following spring for St. Louis, which they reached in safety September, 1806. It is an undisputed fact that the first white man who trod the soil of Idaho was Captain William Clark. The territory being at that time only considered valuable for furs, several fur companies were organized, the first on the field being the Missouri Fur Company, who built Fort Henry, at the headwaters of the Snake river, but shortly afterwards abandoned it. In October, 1811, the Pacific Fur Company sent an expedition in charge of Wilson P. Hunt, who made their way to the coast, along the Snake river, and after considerable suffering reached Fort Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia river, February 15,

1812. Several other expeditions followed, the principal one being that in charge of Captain B. L. E. Bonneville. In 1835, Nathaniel J. Wyeth, of Boston, crossed the Rocky mountains with sixty men and established Fort Hall, a well-known landmark to the emigrants of the "forties," it being undoubtedly the first permanent white settlement in Idaho. In the same year, Fort Boise was established by the Hudson's Bay Company, who eventually absorbed the property of the American companies whose ventures had not proved a success financially.

Following in the footsteps of the trappers were the missionaries, who established themselves among the Indians in various parts of the territory, the first Protestant mission in Idaho being located in Lapwai valley. They also paved the way for the immense immigration to Oregon which took place in the early "forties."

Prior to the organic act constituting the territory of Idaho, aside from the missions there were only a few French Canadians engaged in farming in the Coeur d'Alene country. In 1854, a colony of Mormons settled on Salmon river, in the locality now called Lemhi county. They erected a fort which they named Fort Lemhi, but were driven out by the Nez Perce Indians in 1858.

But the solitudes of the canyons and mountain fastnesses of Idaho were soon to be broken by the tread of thousands of adventurers in their mad rush for the precious metal. The first authenticated discovery of gold in Idaho was on the banks of the Pend d'Oreille river, by a French Canadian. Then followed the finding of the richer and more extensive diggings at Oro Fino, in the summer of 1860, by a party of eleven men who wintered there without intercourse with the outside world. Subsequent discoveries were made at Elk City, Rhodes creek and Canal gulch, where Pierce City was established in 1861. During the fall of 1861 discoveries were made at Salmon river which created considerable excitement, and the town of Florence was established. The next important discovery was made by a party of twelve men from Walla Walla, at Boise basin, in August, 1862. On their first entry into the basin, one of the party, named Grimes, was killed by Indians, and the balance returned to Walla Walla, where they succeeded in raising a party of fifty-five men, and returned to Boise basin in October, 1862.

The news of this new discovery spread quickly, and by the first of January over 3,000 miners were camped in Boise basin. The following summer found over 10,000 miners at work at the different diggings. Towns sprang up like mushrooms, Idaho City, with a population of 6,000, boasting, aside from its complement of stores, saloons and hotels, two churches, four theaters, three newspapers and a well-equipped fire department. In close proximity were the towns of Placerville with a population of 5,000, Centerville with a population of 3,000, and Pioneer City with a population of 2,000. Communications with the outer world were difficult; supplies were hard to obtain and prices ruled high, but the diggings were rich, wages being ordinarily \$18.00 a day, and the honest miner paid, with good grace, \$12.00 for shovels, \$10.00 for cats and \$5.00 for chickens.

Other valuable discoveries followed, prominent among which were those of Owyhee, Alturas and Wood river. In 1883-4 occurred the Coeur d'Alene stampede, when 5,000 gold hunters crossed the terrible snows of the mountains, and met with bitter disappointment.

### **DESCRIPTIVE.**

Idaho was originally a part of the vast territory called the "Oregon country" and the "Louisiana purchase." The territory of Idaho was formed by act of congress, March 3, 1863, from portions of what was then known as Washington, Dakota and Nebraska, and embraced the present Idaho, Montana, and a greater portion of Wyoming. It then contained an area of 326,373 square miles lying between the 104th and 117th meridians of longitude, and the 42d and 49th parallels of latitude. By act of congress passed May 25, 1868, creating the territories of Montana and Wyoming, Idaho was reduced to its present limits. The name Idaho is of Indian origin, signifying "Gem of the Mountains." Among the legends of the Shoshones is one of "a shining gem forever resting on a mountain, and forever inaccessible." How the name was applied to this state is a matter of great dispute, but the most reasonable solution is that it was chosen in congress as the appellation of the territory through the insistence of George B. Walker, of Idaho, and Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts. The conformation of Idaho is that of a large chair, and it ranks as the twelfth American commonwealth, its area amounting to 84,800 square miles, being larger than the New England states combined, and equal to Pennsylvania and Ohio united.

Its formation is peculiar, consisting of a vast wedge-shaped table land, rising gradually from a height of 4,000 to 10,000 feet, and, as Professor Hayden remarks, "Literally crumpled or rolled up, in one continuous series of mountain ranges, fold after fold."

The principal mountain ranges are the Coeur d'Alene and Bitter Root in the north, and the Rocky and Wahsatch in the southeast; in the central portion of the state the Boise, Wood River, Salmon River and Sawtooth, and prominent in the southwest the Owyhee.

The prominent rivers are the Snake, Clearwater, Spokane and Pend d'Oreille, all of which empty into the Columbia. The principal river is the Snake, in its erratic course in places turbulent and swift, and again sluggish and deceitful. Twenty-five miles below Fort Hall, at an altitude of 4,240 feet, it takes its first plunge at American falls, then, swiftly coursing through canyons of several miles in length, reaches the Twin falls, four miles below which are the Great Shoshone falls, which have been aptly termed the "Niagara of the West," having a fall of fully 210 feet. Forty miles below this

the river makes its final plunge at Salmon falls, and then winds its treacherous and tortuous course onward to the Columbia river, making a descent of 2,110 feet in a distance of 250 miles. The principal lakes are the Coeur d'Alene, Pend d'Oreille, Bear, Kaniksu and Payette. Of these the only one navigable is the Coeur d'Alene, a line of steamers plying between Coeur d'Alene City and the old mission, the lake being thirty miles in length, with a varying width from two to four miles.

The number of acres of land in the state is approximately 55,000,000, classified and roughly estimated as follows: Suitable for agricultural purposes by means of irrigation, 15,000,000 acres; grazing lands, 17,000,000 acres; timber lands, 10,000,000 acres; mineral lands, 8,000,000 acres; desert lands, 5,000,000 acres.

The climate varies greatly; the plains, while having cold and bracing winters, make a happy medium between the severe climate of the mountains and the mildness of the valleys, the summers being, generally throughout the state, cool and pleasant. United States census reports and statistics of the United States army prove beyond doubt that Idaho is the most healthy state in the Union.

The agricultural lands in the northern part of the state are well watered by natural sources, but farming in Southern Idaho depends more or less upon irrigation. Large crops of cereals, vegetables, hay and fruits are raised annually, and the same find ready markets at good prices throughout the mining camps generally. The grazing of horses, cattle and sheep is also largely carried on, the stock wintering in the open air on the plains, which abound in bunch grass and white sage, whose fattening qualities are well known, during the summer months seeking the nutritious grasses of the mountain ranges.

By proclamation of President Harrison, Idaho was declared a state, July 3, 1890, the government of which is in the hands of a governor, executive officers and a biennial legislature. The capitol, erected in 1885-7, is at Boise City. The state institutions comprise the state university at Moscow, insane asylum at Blackfoot, state normal schools at Lewiston and Albion, and penitentiary near Boise City. The United States government has experimental stations in agriculture at Idaho Falls and Grangeville.

The leading religious denominations are Episcopalian, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Roman Catholic, all of whom are owners of fine and substantial church buildings, in all settlements of any magnitude. The Church of the Latter Day Saints has also a large following in the southeastern part of the state.

The educational facilities of the state rank with those of any of the Western states, and are evinced by the many fine school buildings which have been erected in the large towns. The public schools are supported by public taxation and endowed with two sections of land in each township. There are several sectarian schools in the state, prominent among which are Wilbur college (Methodist), Lewiston; St. Teresa's academy (Catholic), Boise, and St.

Margaret's school (Episcopal), Boise. The interests of popular education are being continually furthered by the liberal and progressive spirit of the people and the legislature of the state.

There are about 4,000 Indians, mainly Shoshones and Nez Perces, attached to reservations and under the jurisdiction of United States troops, of which an eight-company post is located at Fort Sherman, and a two-company post at Boise barracks.

Newspapers are numerous, every town or hamlet of any consequence having its representative weekly. The first printing press west of the Rocky mountains and north of California was presented to the Lapwai mission by the Protestant native church of the Sandwich islands, and was used in 1836 for printing books in the Nez Perce language.

The great seal of the state of Idaho bears a shield with a view of the Snake river, with the Owyhee mountains on the left and Bannock mountains on the right, and a rising sun in the background. The crest is a full antlered elk's head; beneath the shield, a sheaf of grain, with two cornucopias of plenty. The supporters are Liberty and a miner. The motto is "Esto Perpetua" (May it last forever).

Bancroft, in his "History of the Pacific States," speaks of Idaho as follows:

"It was the common judgment of the first explorers that there was more of strange and awful in the scenery and topography of Idaho than of the pleasing and attractive. A more intimate acquaintance with the less conspicuous features of the country revealed many beauties. The climate of the valleys was found to be far milder than from their elevation could have been expected. Picturesque lakes were discovered nestled among the mountains, or furnishing in some instances navigable waters. Fish and game abounded. Fine forests of pine and fir covered the mountain slopes, except in the lava region; and nature, even in this phenomenal part of her domain, had not forgotten to prepare the earth for the occupation of man, nor neglected to give him a wondrously warm and fertile soil to compensate for the labor of subduing the savagery of her apparently waste places."

## OWYHEE COUNTY.

In 1862 the present county of Owyhee was a part of Boise county, which comprised all of the western portion of Washington territory lying south of what was then called Idaho county, its area being nearly equal to that of Pennsylvania. When Idaho was created a territory by act of congress, March 3, 1863, Boise county became part and parcel of the territory of Idaho, and at the first session of the territorial legislature, held at Lewiston, Idaho, Owyhee county was

created, December 31, 1863, out of all territory south of Snake river and west of the Rocky mountains.

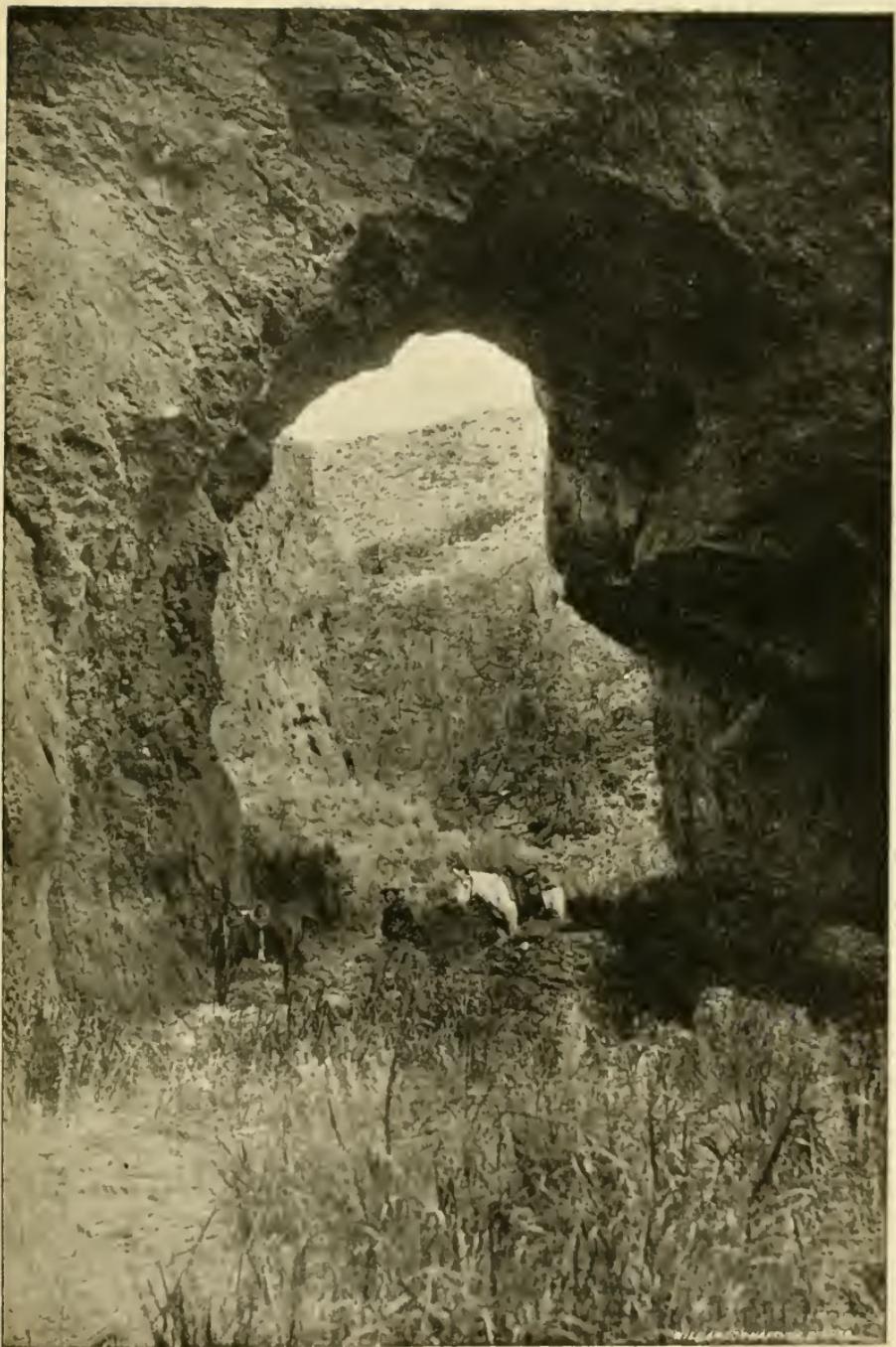
In 1864 Oneida county, and in 1879 Cassia county, were cut off of Owyhee county, reducing it to its present limits. Its northern boundary line is the Snake river, Cassia county on the east, state of Oregon west, and the state of Nevada forms its southern boundary. Its area is 8,130 square miles, being somewhat larger than the state of Massachusetts. Its name, "Owyhee," is believed to have been borrowed from the Hawaiian language, and to have been given to the Owyhee river by two Kanakas in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Prior to the spring of 1863, Owyhee county was an unexplored country, habited only by bands of hostile Indians, while at that time the diggings of Boise basin and Oro Fino boasted of a population of over 10,000 miners. A legend of the early immigrants to Oregon of the "Blue Bucket diggings," in the vicinity of the Owyhee mountains, wherein they used sinkers of gold for fishing purposes, led several adventurous spirits to organize a party of discovery at Placerville, in May, 1863. The party consisted of the following: Michael Jordan, A. J. Miner, J. C. Boone, P. H. Gordan, L. C. Gehr, G. W. Chadwick, Cy Iba, William Phipps, Joseph Dorsey, Jerome Francisco, John Moore, J. R. Cain, W. Churchill, H. R. Wade, A. J. Reynolds, James Carroll, William Duncan, Dr. A. F. Rudd, F. Height, W. L. Wade, John Cannon, M. Conner, C. Ward, R. W. Prindall, D. P. Barnes, W. T. Carson, J. Johnson, A. Eddington and O. H. Purdy, in all numbering twenty-nine.

We take the following from the narration of O. H. Purdy, a member of the party, a well-known citizen of Silver City, who was killed in the skirmish with the Bannock Indians at South mountain, in June, 1878:

"We crossed Snake river at the mouth of Boise river, traveling in a southwesterly direction, until we came to, at that time, quite a large stream, which we named, in honor of the laziest man in the company, 'Reynolds creek.' We camped here one day. During the day, two of the party, Wade and Miner, ascended the divide westerly from camp, on a tour of observation, and discovered still farther south and west what appeared to be a large stream, judging from the topographical formation of the mountains, which were well timbered. This was reported to the balance in camp.

"The next morning (May 18, 1863), our party of twenty-nine men and about sixty horses and mules was headed in the direction of the supposed water-course, which we reached about 4:00 o'clock p. m., at a point we named 'Discovery Bar,' about six miles below where Booneville now is. The locality presenting a favorable place for camping, it was so agreed. Dr. Rudd, a verdant emigrant, not waiting to unpack his mule, took his shovel, and, scooping up some of the loose gravel on the bank of the creek, 'panned it out' and obtained about a hundred 'colors.' The excitement and amazement which followed this 'discovery' can better be imagined than described. In ten minutes, every man, with pan and shovel (except the lazy man), was busy digging and panning, and upon their return about an hour after each man had favorable prospects to exhibit.



*Natural Arch in Bruneau Canyon.*



"The prospecting continued up the creek for ten or twelve days, when, at 'Happy Camp,' the laws of the district were made and adopted, the creek and district named, and claims located—the creek and district taking the names of two of our company, Michael Jordan and W. T. Carson."

It may be interesting to know the future of this party of twenty-nine, but a great many of them have unfortunately passed into obscurity. Michael Jordan and James Carroll fell victims to Indians in 1864. H. R. Wade was the first county treasurer-elect, and he and W. T. Carson died at Silver City in 1865. William Duncan died in 1873, in Nevada. J. R. Cain moved to Boise valley. Height and Iba emigrated to Southeastern Idaho, and Height recently sold the Hailey hot springs, of which he was the proprietor. Purdy, as stated before, met his fate by Indians in 1878. The return of the party to Boise basin with the news of the discovery at once created a "stampede" for Owyhee, and the mining towns of Booneville and Ruby City were speedily in course of erection, and gold hunters busily engaged in changing the formation of Florida and War Eagle mountains. In July, 1863, the first quartz ledge was discovered and located, in Whiskey gulch, by R. H. Wade & Co. A few days after, the Oro Fino quartz ledge was discovered and located by A. J. Sands and Svale Neilson, who a month later also located the "Morning Star." The first quartz mill, called the "Morning Star," with an equipment of eight stamps, was erected by Morey, Foggus & Co. In May, 1864, the Oro Fino Gold & Silver Tunnel Company was incorporated in Carson district, to run a tunnel through Oro Fino mountain, on which were at that time thirty locations, one of which was the "War Eagle," which gave its name subsequently to the mountain. The tunnel company, however, never materialized, though the project has again been agitated in the later days.

The great discovery of 1865 was the celebrated Poorman mine. According to Professor Gilbert Butler, it was discovered by O'Brien, Holt, Zerr, Ebner, Stevens and Ray, and was first called the "Hays & Ray." Some say it was discovered by D. C. O'Byrne, and others mention Charles S. Peck. It is said that it was first discovered by Peck, about 1,000 feet from the present discovery shaft, in which he (Peck) uncovered a rich chimney, but concealed his discovery, and, finding that it lay within the boundaries of the Hays & Ray claim, endeavored to purchase the mine from the owners, but was unsuccessful. The chimney, however, was uncovered by another company of prospectors, and the mine was then named the "Poorman," on account of the discoverers being without capital to work it. Peck was subsequently given an interest in the mine by the owners, but in the meanwhile a fight for possession was imminent, the owners barricading the entrance of the mine and mounting a couple of pieces of ordnance, naming the fortifications "Fort Baker." The ore taken from the Poorman was a silver chloride, richly impregnated with gold, easily worked, and soft as lead, which it resembled, tinted crimson, which gave it its name of ruby silver. As it came from the mine it readily sold for \$4.00 an ounce, which was said to be much below its real value.

At a depth of 100 feet a body of native ore was uncovered weighing about 500 pounds, which was one solid mass of ruby silver crystals, specimens of which were exhibited at the Paris exposition of 1866 and were awarded a gold

medal. Two thousand tons of second and third-class rock yielded \$546,691.59, and tailings went over \$70.00 to the ton, first-class rock ranging from \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 per ton. Other mines of note were discovered in Carson, Mammoth and Flint districts, and between 1863 and 1865 250 mining locations were recorded, the principal ones, aside from those previously mentioned, being the Golden Chariot, War Eagle, Ida Elmore, Whiskey Gulch, Minnesota, Silver Bullion, Hidden Treasure, Noonday, Centurion, Golden Eagle, Allison, Blazing Star, Montana, Home Ticket, Floreta, Silver Legion, Eureka, Calaveras, Caledonian, Empire, Dashaway, Red Jacket, Mahogany, Stormy Hill, South Chariot, Illinois Central, Belle Peck, North Extension Poorman, South Poorman, Lucky Poorman, Big Fish, Boycott, Glenbrook, Clearbrook, Idlewild, North Empire, South Empire, San Juan, Dubuque, Silver Cloud, Louisiana, Ruby Jackson, Silver City, Ruth, Sinker, By Chance, Potosi, Rattling Jack, St. James, Northern Light, Crook & Jennings, Brannan, Home Resort, Savage, Piute, Miami, Lone Tree, Home Stake, Little Fish, Silver Cord, Golden Cord, Standard, Philox, Webfoot, Wilson, Idaho, Gentle Emma, Stoddard, Ohio, Henrietta, Tremont, Crown Point, Redemption, Booneville, Empire State, Florida Hill, Seventy-Nine, Paymaster, Cumberland, Black Jack, Leviathan, Sierra, Nevada, Yreka, Owyhee Treasury, Avenue, Rose, Hudson, Phoenix, and Carson Chief, all in Carson district, besides the Webfoot and Garfield in Wagontown district, and Rising Star, Astor and Twilight in Flint district.

The Owyhee mines, up to 1881, were worked to a depth which varied from 150 to 1,500 feet. The Owyhee Treasury, at a depth of one hundred feet down, yielded ore worth seventy-five cents per pound. A "stringer" in the mine, worked in a common mortar, yielded \$46.00 to a pound of ore.

The mining camps for several years flourished and enjoyed a continuous run of unparalleled prosperity until the year of 1875, when the suspension of the Bank of California and other causes for a while paralyzed the mining industries of the county, and resulted in the withdrawal from the field of a number of large companies who had been in active operation here.

While it was considered somewhat hazardous in the early history of this county to follow the pursuit of what might be termed "experimental farming" in a country which was generally regarded as the home of the miner, and a locality where the sage brush blossomed as the rose, nevertheless a few hardy pioneers of agricultural proclivities, like their worthy congeners, the honest miners, prospected the soil with good results; others followed in their footsteps, and today, where formerly the hardy sage brush flourished and the wary coyote trod, we find thousands of acres covered with thrifty farms and orchards, yielding annually almost fabulous quantities of cereals and esculents. The valleys of the Bruneau, Reynolds creek, Castle creek, Catherine creek and Sinker creek are unsurpassed for fertility and productiveness of soil, and the mountain slopes in season are luxuriant with the most nutritious grasses, affording the best of ranges for stock raising. With irrigation scientifically applied, Owyhee farmers have succeeded in transforming what was termed in immigration days the "God-forsaken country" to an earthly paradise. Wheat is always a sure crop, and great success has been met with with barley and

oats. Hay of all descriptions, mostly alfalfa, is produced in large quantities; and potatoes, cabbages and all the smaller garden vegetables grown in great profusion. Fruits, vines and shrubs, wherever planted, have turned out thrifty and produced largely.

To the weary traveler crossing the dreary, monotonous and arid plains of Owyhee, the emerald and picturesque ranches, sequestered in the deep canyons of the creeks, are a source of joy and beauty.

It was early discovered that cattle that were fed on the nutritious bunch grass and white sage that abounded on the plains and mountain slopes of Owyhee county attained a perfection of bone, muscle and flesh not equaled by any other locality, and this led to a rapid settling of the ranges of Bruneau, Reynolds, Castle, Catherine, Sinker, Cow and Sucker creeks, which were speedily covered with immense herds of hardy cattle.

In 1882 the number of cattle assessed in the county was 24,559, which was believed to be 6,000 short of the actual figure. In 1885 it was estimated that there were over 60,000 head of cattle within the confines of Owyhee county. In 1888-9 the cattle interests in the county reached their maximum, and, as we are reliably informed, there was at that date over 100,000 head of cattle in the county. At that date the principal cattle owners were: Murphy & Horn, 12,000 head; Scott & Co., 18,000 head; Grayson & Co., 16,000 head; Hardiman Bros., 5,000 head; Sommercamp, 5,000 head; Jack Sands, 3,500 head; Con Shea, 5,000 head; Sparks & Harrell, 5,000 head; Bruce Bros., 2,500 head; total, 72,000 head. Add to this several stock raisers with herds numbering 500 to 1,000, a very low estimate would be 18,000 head, making a grand total of 100,000 head. These were the flush cattle times of Owyhee, when the cattle kings viewed with swelling pride their increasing herds and pocketbooks; but a couple of severe winters, the inability to find sufficient suitable food for such large herds, and several other causes, created a great loss of cattle, and the cattle trade gradually shrank to its present condition, there not being, it is believed, at present date, over 15,000 head of cattle within the county.

But the loss of one industry has been the gain of another, viz., the sheep industry, which from small beginnings has gradually risen to its present proportions, and it is generally estimated that at this date there are over 150,000 head of sheep in Owyhee county.

The first settlement in the county was made at Booneville, now Dewey, which took its name after Boone, one of the discovery party of twenty-nine. A little later the town of Ruby City sprang into existence, and by the summer of 1864 boasted of a population of 800 to 900, and was made the county seat upon the organization of the county on December 31, 1863. Its location being an unfavorable one, a rival town sprang up, which was named Silver City, which not only gradually absorbed Ruby City, but became the county seat in 1866. Fairview, located on the apex of War Eagle mountain, was also a thriving little burg, and would have been made the county seat were it not for its inaccessibility. It was destroyed by fire October 16, 1875, loss being about \$100,000.00, and never recuperated from the disaster.

De Lamar, another flourishing town, with a population nearly equal to that of Silver City, was first settled in 1888, and has since shown considerable improvement.

Guffey, the baby town of the county, and the terminal point of the B. N. & O. railroad, is rapidly increasing in population, making extensive improvements, and giving great promise for the future.

The United States census of 1890 gave the population of Owyhee county as 2,021. At the last presidential election, in the fall of 1896, there were 1,240 votes cast, and the estimated population of the county at present date is about 5,000.

The total value of taxable property in Owyhee county, as per assessment roll of July, 1896, amounted to \$795,549.00, which embraced 10,769 head of cattle, 122,777 sheep, 8,299 horses, 170 jacks and mules, and 188 hogs.

The total value of taxable property in Owyhee county, as per assessment roll of July, 1897, amounted to \$894,786.00, which embraced 11,636 head of cattle, 118,705 sheep, 8,687 horses, 238 jacks and mules, and 231 hogs.

In 1869 the assessed valuation of property was \$1,438,249.00.

## **TERRITORIAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT.**

William H. Wallace, of Lewiston, was appointed by President Lincoln governor of Idaho territory, July 10, 1863, but, being elected delegate to congress October 31, 1863, the secretary, W. B. Daniels, of Oregon, acted as governor until August 9, 1864. The balance of the first territorial officers were as follows: B. F. Lambkin, of Idaho, auditor; D. S. Payne, of Oregon, United States marshal; Charles Hutchins, of Washington, Indian agent; Copeland Townsend, of Colorado, Indian agent; A. L. Downer, of Wisconsin, clerk of supreme court; D. S. Kenyon, treasurer; J. R. Chittenden, superintendent of public instruction; Sidney Edgerton, of Ohio, chief justice of supreme court; Samuel C. Park, of Illinois, associate justice of supreme court; Alexander C. Smith, of Washington, associate justice of supreme court.

The first session of the territorial legislature convened at Lewiston, December 7, 1863, and adjourned February 4, 1864. The following were members: Council, Joseph Miller, E. B. Waterbury, Standford Capps, Lyman Standford, Ephraim Smith, William C. Rheem, A. J. Edwards. House, Joseph Tufts, C. P. Bodfish, M. C. Brown, R. P. Campbell, Milton Kelly, W. R. Keithly, L. C. Miller, Alonzo Leland, John Wood, L. Bacon and James A. Orr.

The second session of the territorial legislature convened at Lewiston, November 14, 1864. The following represented Owyhee county: Council, John Cummins. House, E. C. Sterling, Solomon Hasbrouck.



*Trade Dollar Mine Exhibit at Boise Intermountain Fair, 1897.*



*Bruneau Canyon.*

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The third session of the territorial legislature convened December 4, 1865, at Boise City, which had been made the capital of the territory by the second session of the legislature. The following represented Owyhee county: Council, E. Bohannan. House, D. P. Barnes, J. W. Carter, E. J. Worley.

1866—Council, R. T. Miller. House, A. Englis, D. G. Monroe.

1868—Council, F. E. Ensign. House, Pat Campbell, Seth Catlin, P. S. Quinn.

1870—Council, Gilmore Hays, D. G. Monroe. House, W. P. Upshur, J. R. Crawford, J. B. Pierce, Pat Campbell, W. H. Van Slyke.

1872—Council, Gilmore Hays, L. P. Higbee. House, A. L. Simondi, Peter Adams, J. M. Short.

1874—Council, H. Martin, D. Angell. House, L. Pool, F. M. Hunt, I. Culp, E. H. Moore.

1876—Council, F. C. Porter, Richard Tregaskis. House, E. H. Moore, G. W. Gilmore, P. A. Tutt, R. L. Wood, John Ward.

1878—Council, B. J. Nordyke, P. A. Regan. House, G. W. Newsom, P. Weatherman, W. Cooper, George Chapin, William N. Nichols.

1880—Council, Charles Cobb (joint with Cassia county). House, J. W. Cummings.

1882—Council, P. A. Regan (joint with Cassia county). House, J. M. Harbour.

1884—Council, R. L. Wood (joint with Cassia county). House, David Adams.

1886—Council, James I. Crutcher (joint with Washington county). House, John S. Lewis.

1888—Council, E. S. Jewell (joint with Washington county). House, George O. Sampson.

In accordance with a proclamation of Governor E. A. Stevenson, a constitutional convention was held at Boise City, July 4, 1889, and Owyhee county was represented by Charles M. Hays, James I. Crutcher, Samuel J. Pritchard.

The state of Idaho was admitted into the Union July 3, 1890. The first session of the state legislature was convened at Boise City, December 8, 1890. The following represented Owyhee county: Senator, J. R. De Lamar (joint with Cassia county). Representative, Joseph Hawkins.

Second session, 1892—Senator, J. E. Miller (joint with Cassia county). Representative, J. F. Allington.

Third session, 1894—Senator, E. H. Dewey (joint with Cassia county). Representative, John J. Bennett.

Fourth session, 1896—Senator, John J. Bennett. Representatives, J. C. Hadley, W. H. Beary.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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### OWYHEE COUNTY OFFICIALS.



Dep. Clerk St. Clair. Clerk Ballard. Comm'r Shea. Comm'r Nichols.  
Treasurer Connors. Coroner Weston. Assessor Brunzell. Pro. Judge Handy.  
Comm'r Olsen. Sheriff Crocheron.

received their appointments from the governor of the territory. The following is a complete list of the officials of Owyhee county from its earliest organization to present date:

1865—Commissioners, D. H. Fogus, George Carter; sheriff, Lyman Stanford; auditor and recorder, Gilmore Hays; treasurer, Dr. T. D. Beckett; assessor, Ezra Mills.

1867-8—Commissioners, George Carter, Seth Catlin, Thomas J. Butler; clerk, A. E. Woodson; auditor and recorder, L. W. Greenwell; sheriff, A. C. Springer; treasurer, A. H. Webb; assessor, Sterling Hill; tax collector, J. A. Lytle; superintendent of schools, O. H. Purdy; coroner, L. F. Alpey; surveyor, Frank R. Browker.

1869-70—Commissioners, R. S. Miles, L. J. Swart, S. O. Hughes; sheriff, W. S. Stevens; auditor and recorder, Dr. T. D. Beckett; clerk, P. C. Learned; treasurer, A. H. Webb; assessor, P. J. Ragan; probate judge, L. P. Hughes; coroner, D. McCleery.

1871-2—Commissioners, R. S. Miles, James Graham; sheriff, W. S. Stevens; auditor and recorder, Dr. T. D. Beckett; clerk, W. J. Hill; treasurer, James H. Gardner; assessor, P. J. Ragan.

1873-4—Commissioners, Thomas Walls, C. F. Miller, Dave Dorsey; sheriff, W. J. Hill; treasurer, James H. Gardner; assessor, Robert Frazer; superintendent of schools, William Stacey; coroner, J. Murray; surveyor, George Bonldwin; probate judge, F. A. Tutt.

1875-6—Commissioners, Joseph H. Brown, Arthur O'Keefe, John Catalow; sheriff, C. M. Hays; auditor and recorder, James Lyman; treasurer, \*Dr. T. D. Beckett, Henry Hyman, O. H. Purdy; assessor, R. S. Miles.

1877-8—Commissioners, Fred Brunzell, A. J. Sands, C. R. Hanks; sheriff, C. M. Hays; auditor and recorder, James Lyman; probate judge, George Drew; treasurer, Anthony Brooks; assessor, R. S. Miles; coroner, Peter Nicholson.

1879-80—Commissioners, Arthur O'Keefe, W. W. Dryden, P. McMahon; sheriff, Thomas Jones; auditor and recorder, James Lyman; probate judge, W. H. Angell; treasurer, P. A. Tutt; assessor, W. S. Harley; surveyor, Gilbert Butler.

1881-2—Commissioners, W. S. Stevens, Thomas Walls, W. H. Townsend; sheriff, John D. Springer; auditor and recorder, James Lyman; probate judge, J. H. Wickersham; treasurer, E. H. Moore; assessor, W. S. Harley; coroner, R. Reynolds; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

1883-4—Commissioners, M. Hyde, John Scales, J. H. Mitchell; sheriff, John D. Springer; auditor and recorder, James Lyman; probate judge, J. H.

\*Both Beckett and Hyman died in office and Purdy was appointed to fill vacancy.

Wickersham; treasurer, E. H. Moore; assessor, W. S. Harley; coroner, Dr. D. H. Belknap; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

1885-6—Commissioners, John Scales, Tim Shea, William Hamilton; sheriff, Guy Newcomb; auditor and recorder, James Lyman; probate judge, J. H. Wickersham; treasurer, W. F. Sommercamp, Jr.; assessor, W. S. Harley; coroner, Dr. D. H. Belknap; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

1887-8—Commissioners, Ruel Murphy, C. E. Share, J. H. Black; sheriff, B. F. Hastings; auditor and recorder, James Lyman; probate judge, J. H. Wickersham; treasurer, W. F. Sommercamp, Jr.; assessor, S. J. Pritchard; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

1889-90—Commissioners, A. Brooks, J. M. Brunzell, Sr., J. H. Black; sheriff, B. F. Hastings; auditor and recorder, James Lyman; probate judge, J. B. Coakley; treasurer, W. F. Sommercamp, Jr.; assessor, S. J. Pritchard; coroner, L. T. Mitchell; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

1891-92—Commissioners, W. H. Townsend, \*William Houtz, Al Sotheren, W. S. Harley; sheriff, John McCabe; clerk district court, R. H. Leonard, Jr.; probate judge, E. Lewis; treasurer, S. T. N. Smith; assessor, A. B. Crocheron; coroner, Dr. C. Richter; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

1893-4—Commissioners, Isaac Phillips, C. D. Bacheler, Fred Morrison; sheriff, E. L. Ballard; clerk district court, R. H. Leonard, Jr.; probate judge, E. Lewis; treasurer, S. T. N. Smith; assessor, O. F. Brunzell; coroner, Dr. J. N. Weston; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

1895-6—Commissioners, W. N. Nichols, John Scales, E. W. Tindall; sheriff, John Joyce; clerk district court, E. L. Ballard; probate judge, E. Lewis; treasurer, S. T. N. Smith; assessor, A. B. Crocheron; coroner, Dr. J. N. Weston; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

1897-8—Commissioners, W. N. Nichols, Tim Shea, Chris Olsen; sheriff, A. B. Crocheron; clerk district court, E. L. Ballard; probate judge, George H. Handy; treasurer, John C. Connors; assessor, O. F. Brunzell; coroner, Dr. J. N. Weston; surveyor, F. W. Hulett.

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\*Houtz resigned and Sotheren appointed to fill vacancy.

Mr. Ernest L. Ballard, clerk of the district court, and ex officio auditor and recorder, was born in Virginia, February 1, 1862. In 1881 he went to Leadville, Colorado, where he engaged in mining for about a year, and from there went to Georgetown, in the same state, where he was engaged in railroading and mining until June, 1886, when he left for Owyhee county. He mined at Flint for about three years, and then made a tour of about eighteen months throughout the prominent mining localities of the slope, returning to Silver City, where he has since resided. In 1893-4 he was elected sheriff of the county, and in the fall of '94 was elected district clerk for a term of four years. He was married April 30, 1893, to Miss Nellie L. Stevens, of Flint, daughter of W. S. Stevens, an old and respected pioneer of the county.



*District Clerk E. L. Ballard.*



*Sheriff A. B. Crocheron.*

Mr. Asbury B. Crocheron, sheriff of Owyhee county, was born at Long Tom, Lane county, Oregon, October 25, 1860. From there he moved with his parents to Idaho City, and in the spring of 1867 came to Silver City. He was educated in the public schools of Silver City, with the advantage of one year in Portland. Until the last few years he has been engaged quite extensively in the stock business, and was recognized as one of the most daring riders and best "ropers" in this section. Mr. Crocheron was elected assessor and tax collector for the 1890-2 term, and was re-elected for the same office, without opposition, for the 1894-6 term. He was then elected sheriff of the county in 1896, which office he fills in an able manner. He was married October 14, 1897, to Mrs. Millie Walston, of Reynolds. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

Mr. Oscar F. Brunzell, assessor and tax collector of Owyhee county, was born January 5, 1864, in Sweden. He came to the United States and to this county in July, 1871, with his parents, where he has since resided. He worked for several years on the range for different stockmen of the county, and accumulated considerable stock on his own account, but during the severe winter of 1888 he suffered heavy losses in cattle. Mr. Brunzell served the county as assessor and tax collector for the 1893-4 term in a creditable manner. In 1895, in partnership with R. H. Leonard, Jr., he purchased and conducted the Owyhee livery stable in Silver City, they selling the same to Brown & Sampson in October of that year. At the general election of 1896 he was again elected assessor and tax collector, which office he now occupies. He was married



*Assessor O. F. Brunzell.*



*Treasurer J. C. Connors.*

October 30, 1895, to Miss Laura E. Winchester, of Silver City. Mr. Brunzell is a P. G. of Owyhee Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F.

Mr. John C. Connors, treasurer of Owyhee county, was born in Placer county, California, February 10, 1859, and came to Ruby City, Idaho, with his parents September 9, 1868. He engaged in stock raising. In 1888, in partnership with Timothy Shea, he opened a meat market in Silver City, and with the exception of a few months, has been connected with the same ever since. For the past six years the firm has been known as the Owyhee Meat Company, with shops at both Silver City and De Lamar. Mr. George W. Bruce, of De Lamar, is the other member of the firm. Mr. Connors filled the unexpired term of Timothy Shea as county commissioner in 1886, and was elected county treasurer

at the general election in November, 1896. He is a prominent member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities. He was married in May, 1891, to Miss Alice McMahon. Mr. Connors participated in the South Mountain Indian fight, in 1879.

Mr. George H. Handy, probate judge, was born February 20, 1871, at Grand Island, Nebraska. In 1875 his parents moved to Wyoming, and from there to Colorado in 1877. He was educated in the public schools of Fort Collins, Colorado, graduating in 1888, and was in the senior class of the Colorado Agricultural college, when he left school to take charge of an insurance agency, which he followed for about three years. He also, at various times, held



*Probate Judge Geo. H. Handy.*



*Coroner J. N. Weston.*

deputyships under different Larimer county officials. Came to Nampa, Idaho, in May, 1892, and that fall accepted the position of cashier of the De Lamar Mercantile & Banking Company, of De Lamar, which he resigned the following June to accept an appointment as deputy district clerk of Owyhee county, serving in that capacity for two years under R. H. Leonard, Jr., and two years under E. L. Ballard, when he resigned to qualify for the office of probate judge and ex officio county school superintendent, to which he had been elected in November, 1896. He was married on February 24, 1897, to Miss Sarah Brooks, of Silver City.

John N. Weston, M. D., coroner of Owyhee county, was born at New York city in 1860. Received his early education in the public schools of that

city, and then attended Phillips Exeter academy and Harvard college. Studied medicine and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Bellevue hospital, in New York. Came to Silver City in 1889, and has since held the offices of coroner and county physician. He is also surgeon to the Miners' Union hospital. He was married February 26, 1890, to Miss Minnie Grete, of Silver City. Dr. Weston is a member of the Masonic fraternity, now filling the station of W. M. in Silver City Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M.; and M. E. K. in Cyrus Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.

William N. Nichols, chairman of the board of commissioners of Owyhee county, was born in Shelby, Ohio, May 9, 1853, and came to Silver City on June 18, 1873. He followed bookkeeping and mining for a number of years, and was at South Mountain during the boom times of that camp. He afterwards opened an assay office in Silver City, and acquired a wide reputation for the accuracy and reliability of his work. Was agent of the C., O. & I. Stage Company at Silver City for a number of years, and has held numerous positions of trust and responsibility during his residence in the county. He was elected county commissioner of the First district in 1894, and was re-elected to the same office in 1896. In November, 1897, he sold his interest in the Alpine group of mines to the Trade Dollar Mining Company, realizing a round sum of money. He still retains large mining interests in this section. He was married July 1, 1880, to Miss Oro B. Justice, of Silver City. Mr. Nichols represented Owyhee county in the territorial legislature for the year 1878.

Mr. Chris Olsen was born on the plains near Laramie, August 22, 1853, and his parents settled in Utah. In 1869 he engaged in the cattle business at Promontory, Utah, and subsequently at Pioche, Nevada. Shortly afterwards he entered the employ of Dan Murphy, the cattle king, and in 1878 settled down on the T ranch at Bruneau valley as manager. In 1895 he formed a partnership with Captain Lewis, and they opened the well-known resort of Lewis & Olsen at Hot Spring, Bruneau valley. In November, 1896, he was elected county commissioner, which position he now holds.

### **INDIAN OUTBREAKS.**

The present generation of Owyhee county is not likely to ever behold an Indian rising within the confines of their county, from the fact that the red devils whose war whoops echoed in the defiles of Owyhee, thirty years ago, have been mostly converted into "good Indians," and the pitiful remainder are closely watched and guarded at the United States reservations. Furthermore, the railroads, facilitating quick transportation for troops to the field of disturbance, and the populated condition of the state, renders it difficult for our red brother to remain long on the warpath.

In the early history of Owyhee county, Indian outrages were frequent, but isolated, and not concerted, as in the later risings.

The first concerted Indian rising in Idaho took place in 1863, in what is now called Oneida county. A large band of renegade Indians, whose leaders were named Bear Hunter, Lehi and Sagwitch, had for several months terrorized the settlements and depredated upon the immigrants on their way to Oregon and California, running off stock, and occasionally killing a settler or an immigrant. This state of affairs existed until the winter of 1863, when General P. E. Connor, with a detachment of California volunteers, consisting of about fifty men, came upon a band of Indians numbering 175, of which 100 were warriors, who were encamped on Battle creek, a small stream emptying into the Bear river, and, after a short but desperate engagement, in which fourteen of the United States troops were killed and eight wounded, succeeded in entirely routing and annihilating the Indians, whose total loss was 165.

In July, 1863, several Indians appeared on Oro Fino (War Eagle) mountain, and committed depredations on several ranches located on the slope of that mountain; and it was also rumored that they were accountable for the disappearance of a couple of miners who had been engaged in prospecting on the mountain. A band of volunteers numbering about twenty was organized at Silver City, and started in pursuit of the Indians; and, after a detour of about 200 miles, overtook them at the mouth of Bruneau river, and in the engagement that ensued sent twenty bucks to the "happy hunting grounds," which for some time thereafter put a quietus on "Indian affairs" in that locality.

In the following July, an engagement took place between Indians and volunteers, about eighty miles south of Silver City, on the Owyhee river. They were in a canyon, the walls of which averaged 200 or 300 feet in height. The fight commenced about 2:00 p. m., and lasted until midnight, resulting in thirty-six Indians being killed and an unknown number wounded. Two of the whites were killed, Michael Jordan and James Carroll, who were members of the "original twenty-nine party" who discovered the Owyhee mines.

No serious outbreak occurred for several years afterward, though occasionally some unfortunate immigrant, teamster or stage driver would meet his fate at the hands of the red devils.

Early in the summer of 1877, trouble arose among the Nez Perce Indians regarding the occupancy of a portion of their lands by white settlers. An Indian was killed by some settlers, and the Indians insisted upon the removal of the settlers and the restitution of their lands. This the government refused to do, and endeavored to compel the Indians to return to their reservations, but without success, and a serious outbreak occurred, under the leadership of Chief Joseph. Several pitched battles ensued, and the Indians were eventually driven out of Idaho by General Howard, into Yellowstone park, where General Terry took up the pursuit, and, on the morning of September 30, 1877, Chief Joseph and his band of Nez Perces, consisting of eighty-seven warriors, one hundred and eighty-four squaws, and one hundred and forty-seven children, surrendered to General Nelson A. Miles, at Snake Creek valley, Montana. The

Indians were sent to Dakota and elsewhere, and in 1885 were returned to Idaho, and are now peaceably located at the Colville agency.

During the above campaign, considerable assistance was given our troops by a band of Bannock scouts, under the leadership of Buffalo Horn, who, on his return to Camas prairie, where the Bannocks were located, incited them to hostility against the whites and also induced the Piutes in Nevada and the Umatillas in Oregon to join in a general uprising.

On May 31, 1878, the news reached Boise City that the Bannocks had become openly hostile, and that they had opened fire and severely wounded several cattle men on Camas prairie. Colonel R. F. Bernard, in command of troop G, First cavalry, immediately left with his command for the seat of war.

Buffalo Horn with a band of eighty warriors crossed the Snake river at Glenn's Ferry, and proceeded toward Silver City, killing several white men on their way, with Colonel Bernard and his party in pursuit.

The Indians crossed the Bruneau valley through John Turner's ranch, who fortunately was absent with his family, while the balance of the ranchers, with their wives and children, were secreted in a cave on Uncle Abe Robertson's ranch, defended by a band of volunteers, organized for the occasion.

The Indians, however, passed quickly through the valley without molesting any one, but in the suburbs massacred Fletcher Hawes, brother of B. F. Hawes, of Bruneau, and committed several other depredations, creating consternation throughout the settlements on Catherine, Castle and Sinker creeks, the inhabitants of which crowded into Silver City for protection.

A meeting of the citizens of Silver City was held at Champion hall on June 4, 1878, and a band of volunteers was at once organized for the immediate protection of the settlements. The original members of this volunteer company were Captain J. B. Harper, O. H. Purdy, Chris. Steuder, Tom Jones, Guy Newcomb, Frank Martin, Ole Anderson, John Davidson, Ben White, William Nichols, Peter Donnelly, Mark Leonard, John Posey, W. Cooper, George Graham, J. M. Brunzell, Sr.; John Anderson, Nick Maher, William Manning, W. W. Hastings, Al. Myers, M. M. Rogers, Joe Rupert, J. J. Outhouse, J. M. Dillenger, Alex. Wellman, Frank Armstrong, and Piute Joe and his brother. They were subsequently joined by W. H. Angell, Billy Williams, A. J. Palmer, George W. Palmer, Con. Shea, Tim. Shea, Dave. Shea, John Catalow, Dennis Driscoll, R. Z. Johnson, Charles Miller, C. Sprowls, L. McIntyre, J. Laurie, Joe Oldham, L. Richardson, Joe Brown, Ezra Mills, J. W. Posey, Tim Regan, Jack McKenzie, John Conners, Mike Rohan, Bronko Bill, J. Gusman, Jake Deary, Ben. Davis, Jack Stoddard, Charles M. Hays and several others.

The Silver City volunteers left Silver City for the front on Friday, June 7, 1878, and that evening camped at O'Keefe's ranch, seven miles from South mountain. Early on Saturday morning they broke camp, and about noon discovered the Indians ambushed at South Mountain creek, who attacked the party. In the engagement that ensued, O. H. Purdy was unhorsed, but stood his ground and fell, bravely fighting, with his face to the foe. Chris Steuder was also unhorsed, and received a mortal wound. The balance of the party, finding

themselves surprised and overwhelmed, retreated to O'Keefe's ranch, and the following day recovered the bodies of Purdy and Steuder, and found that the Indians had fled to Oregon. In this engagement the Indians lost their leader, Buffalo Horn, who, it is believed, met his fate at the hands of the gallant Purdy.

Near the sheep ranch, two miles below the Owyhee river, the stage from Winnemucca was attacked by the Indians, who were on their way to Oregon to form a junction with the Umatillas. There was only one passenger, named M. E. Hamilton, on the stage, and he escaped on one of the leaders, but the stage driver, George McCutchan, was tortured, killed and mutilated, and the stage cut to pieces and burned.

Upon reaching Oregon the Bannocks failed to induce the Umatillas to join with them, and, meeting with Bernard's party at Malheur river, and being badly defeated, they made a disorderly retreat, scattering in small, demoralized bands over the country, on their way back to their reservations, plundering and massacring defenseless whites at every opportunity, and it is said that over 100 persons were killed by the savages during this time.

On July 31, 1878, the stage for Silver City, when at a point about two miles this side of Snake river, was attacked by a small band of Indians, and the driver, William S. Hemingway, was mortally wounded, but turned the stage and drove back to the ferry, there being no passengers on the stage. Hemingway, who was a son-in-law of "Father Dryden," of Reynolds creek, died of his wound the same day.

Gradually the Indians reached their respective reservations, where they were welcomed by "Uncle Sam," forgiven, and gently nurtured back to robust health on government beef and flour.

## **FIRST AND ONLY LEGAL HANGING IN Owyhee County.**

The morning of Friday, October 15, 1881, the day appointed for the execution of Henry McDonald, dawned dark and disagreeable, a heavy snow storm prevailing, as if nature was angry that man, created in the image of God, should fall so low as to make capital punishment a necessity. All preparations for the execution had been completed by Sheriff Springer, and at one o'clock p. m. the prisoner was taken from his cell, and in company with the sheriff and deputy, walked down to Jordan street, where a wagon was in waiting to carry him to the gallows and the grave. He showed no signs of emotion; walked very erect, and got in the wagon, in company with the sheriff, deputy and Father Nattini, and was driven to the place of execution, at the old Ruby City cemetery, which has been unused for many years. About 300 people gathered about the scaffold, many having come in from the adjacent valleys. At seventeen minutes past 1:00 o'clock the prisoner firmly ascended the scaffold, and

until 1:45 remained in consultation with Father Nattini, at which time Sheriff Springer read the death warrant. McDonald shook hands with those who had guarded him while in jail here and the priest, bidding them goodby, but had nothing else to say. James T. Griffin pinioned his hands and feet, and Father Nattini adjusted the black cap. At six minutes before 2 o'clock the sheriff sprung the trap, and thus without a sign of emotion or word of complaint the bloodstained soul of Henry McDonald was ushered into eternity. In fourteen minutes life was pronounced extinct by Dr. Belknap, and the remains were buried within a few yards of the scaffold.

The evidence in this case is well known and the law has been vindicated. Not only should the youths of this place remember, but those men who are ready to draw the deadly knife and revolver, that "He who sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." This is the first execution by law in this county; may we hope that another will never be required.—Avalanche.

### **THE MARION MORE TRAGEDY.**

As there are several versions afloat of this lamentable affair, by special request we present to our readers such facts as we have been able to glean from the sources at our command, which will probably be new to the rising generation and will refresh the memories of the old timers.

During the winter of 1867-8 a dispute arose between the celebrated "Ida Elmore" and "Golden Chariot" Mining Companies as to the respective boundaries of their mining lines which at first it was thought would be settled by compromise or litigation.

To the surprise of all, however, force was resorted to, and each party secured the services of well-known fighters, heavily armed, to protect their interests.

March, 1868, found both parties strongly fortified and closely watching each other, and on the morning of March 25 hostilities were commenced by the Golden Chariot party storming the works of their opponents.

Desperate fighting ensued and during the charge John C. Holgate, an owner in the Golden Chariot, was shot in the head and died instantaneously.

Shooting was kept up at intervals during the night, and the next morning Meyer Frank, one of the Ida Elmore contingent, was fatally wounded and died a few hours subsequent. At noon another Ida Elmore man named James Howard was seriously wounded and several others on both sides received slight wounds.

On the twenty-eighth Governor Ballard issued a proclamation commanding both parties to disperse peaceably and submit to the proper authorities, and a squad of United States cavalry was sent from Fort Boise to the seat of war.

On the morning of the twenty-ninth, however, the principal parties on both sides effected a compromise and hostilities ceased and the armed men were withdrawn.

On the evening of April 1, 1868, Sam Lockhart was seated in front of the stage office at the Idaho hotel, when Marion More, accompanied by one Jack Fisher and two or three others, came up, and an altercation ensued between Lockhart and the More party, and shooting commenced on both sides.

Several shots were exchanged and Lockhart was wounded in the left arm, Fisher receiving an ugly wound in the left thigh. More was shot in the center of the left breast and ran about fifty yards, falling in front of the then called Oriental restaurant, into which he was taken and promptly attended to, but he was pronounced in a dying condition, and death ended his sufferings the following afternoon.

More was well known in Idaho as a member of the firm of More & Fogus, and his death was universally regretted.

His remains were conveyed by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a member, to Idaho City, where they were interred.

Subsequent to the affray several arrests were made, but proceedings were afterwards quashed and peace and quietness again reigned in the town of Silver City.

Lockhart's arm was amputated, but blood poisoning ensued, and he died on the thirteenth of July following.

### **THE BALDWIN AFFAIR.**

The failure of the Bank of California in August, 1875, led to the closing of several of the prominent mines on War Eagle mountain for lack of funds, causing considerable distress and destitution among the miners and their families, a good many of the miners being forced to quit work upon seeing no prospect of securing their pay.

For a while the "Golden Chariot," which since November 15, 1875, had been under the superintendency of M. A. Baldwin, met its engagements in due season, but eventually allowed two months to elapse without a pay day, though making many promises which did not materialize. Certain actions on the part of the officers, such as removing the valuable property of the company and the peremptory closing of the mine, were looked upon as rather suspicious by the miners, who were smarting under their grievances and roused to action by the destitution of their families, which they justly attributed to the conduct of the company, and after a cool and deliberate consultation they concluded to take action themselves, and not wait for the uncertain and tortuous windings of the

law. About midnight Friday, June 30, 1876, about one hundred men comprised of the "Golden Chariot" employees, and miners from other mines, assembled and proceeded to the office of the company, located near the mill, and conducted the superintendent, M. A. Baldwin, to a house at Fairview and placed him under guard, at the same time informing him that he would not be released unless assurance was given that the employees of the company would receive their just dues. Everything was conducted in a very peaceable manner, and Mr. Baldwin's wants fully provided for. On the assurance of the San Francisco officials of the company that the pay of the miners would be forthcoming, Mr. Baldwin was released from durance vile on July 21, 1876, and allowed to proceed to San Francisco. He returned from there a month later, and the miners were paid off as promised, and operations for a short period resumed, but eventually the mine was closed down and has, with the exception of an occasional spurt, remained in statu quo ever since.

### **SILVER CITY.**

Silver City is a flourishing mining camp in Southwestern Idaho, containing a population of nearly 2,000 people. It was laid out in 1864 and through its mining interests is known in nearly every quarter of the globe. The town lies in a canyon, on the headwaters of Jordan creek, and at an altitude of about 6,300 feet. War Eagle mountain on the east, and Florida mountain on the west, rise to heights of about 8,000 feet, the former being the higher and the most prominent peak in Southern Idaho. From the summit of War Eagle mountain, on a clear summer's morning, with the aid of a telescope one can see the Teton range in Wyoming, the southwestern corner of Montana, the Wasatch range in Utah, a butte in Washington, 425 miles northwesterly, and glimpses within the state lines of Nevada, California and Oregon.

The climate during the summer months is nearly perfect, the days never getting very warm, and the nights so cool that quite a weight of clothing is necessary for comfort. Mosquitoes, gnats or fleas are unknown. In the winter the snow sometimes falls to considerable depth, but the cold is not severe, and teaming of any character can be done at all seasons.

The social life of Silver City is free from the petty jealousies and heartburnings that are so common in small places, where the "upper ten" and "cod-fish aristocracy" swell over their inferiors. Here there is a pleasant, natural commingling between all classes, and a cordial hospitality rules society. Church services are conducted at odd intervals, there being no resident ministers. The Masonic order has two lodges in Silver City—Chapter and Blue Lodge—and Odd Fellows three—Encampment, subordinate and Rebekah. The Knights of Pythias are also represented with a strong lodge.

Silver City has six general merchandise stores, two hardware stores, a tin shop, two meat markets, two hotels, four restaurants, eight saloons, bakery, one



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*Silver City, looking North.*



*Silver City, looking South.*

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shoe shop, a photograph gallery, brewery, soda bottling works, two livery stables, a feed store, three drug stores, a jeweler, three blacksmith shops, a furniture store, two lumber yards, a tailor shop, three barber shops, a newspaper, four lawyers, two doctors, etc., etc., most of whom have cards in this Directory.

Silver City is essentially a mining town and is wholly dependent upon this industry for its support and prosperity. The whistle of hoisting and mill engines, and the sullen roar of giant powder blasts, are music to her people. -She



*Post Office and Court House, Silver City.*

has four stamp mills carrying an aggregate of fifty stamps, and two arastras. The mines are about equally divided between War Eagle and Florida mountains, each being covered with a network of veins carrying precious metals.

War Eagle mountain is of granite formation. The veins lie generally north and south and the mountain is traversed east and west by numerous porphyry dykes. Generally speaking, the bonanza ore bodies found in that locality have been where the veins came in contact with these dykes. The ores of this mountain are free milling and carry a nice percentage of gold, the bullion running from \$3.50 to \$13.00 per ounce. War Eagle has a credited production record of about thirty millions of dollars, taken out during the first ten years of the camp's history.

Florida mountain, until very lately, was considered to be of porphyry formation with some granite upheavals, but the deep mining now done by the companies operating thereon has exploded this idea, and demonstrated that the rock masses are of granite, capped with porphyry. The veins of this mountain also maintain a north and south course, but dykes are not as common as on War Eagle. The ores, too, generally carry more iron, requiring concentration before amalgamation. Some of the largest and most exclusive gold veins in the camp are found on Florida mountain, which furnished the rich auriferous deposits that attracted the attention of the early prospectors to this camp. Florida



*Dave Adams' Store, Silver City.*

mountain is covered to considerable depth by gravel and loam, making it extremely difficult to prospect, but when access to her treasure vaults is once obtained, powder, steel and muscle are sure to win.

The country surrounding Silver City abounds in game of all kinds, and the mountain streams are plentifully supplied with speckled trout, making it a grand locality for camping parties in the heated term. Grouse, sage hens and prairie chickens are numerous. In the higher mountains deer are found in large numbers, and antelope are frequently seen in isolated valleys near South mountain, and on the lava beds which skirt the southern boundary of the county.

**TRADE DOLLAR MINING AND MILLING COMPANY.**

The Trade Dollar Mining and Milling Company was incorporated under the laws of the state of Kentucky, in July, 1891. The headquarters of the company are at Pittsburg, Pa., and the present officers are: President, Hon. J. M. Guffey; vice president, A. W. Mellon; secretary and treasurer, T. B. McKaig; superintendent, James Hutchinson; foreman, Joe H. Hutchinson; accountant, L. J. Weldon. The company owns the following mines located on the southern slope of the Florida mountain, all of which are patented: Colorado, Sierra Nevada, Jumbo, South Pluto, Black Bart, J. G. Blaine, Pluto, Pluto millsite, Trade Dollar, Fraction, Blaine Extension, Caroline; and the following claims unpatented: Alpine, Harrison, Alleghany, Standard and Little Chief.



*Trade Dollar Mining and Milling Company, Silver City.*

The company did not have a patented claim when Mr. Hutchinson assumed charge, and three-fourths of the producing territory at the present time is from claims acquired since he assumed charge. The property today ranks with the best paying properties on the Pacific coast.

At the present time there is over three miles of track laid, railed and tied; and over five miles of tunnels, drifts, adits, etc. The main tunnel is 3,854 feet in length, and connects with the Black Jack tunnel at its northern boundary.

The company plant is very complete, consisting of a ten-stamp combination mill, office buildings, department shops, bunk and boarding houses, Ingersoll-

Sergeant air compressor, compound Corliss engine, drill press, lathe—in fact, a full and complete mining and milling outfit.



*Thomas B. McKaig, Sec'y-Treas. Trade Dollar M. & M. Co.*

The officers at the Eastern end have been liberal and progressive, and the management at this end conservative and intelligent. While it may seem preposterous, the facts are that the Trade Dollar in 1897 paid larger dividends than any one mine in Cripple Creek, according to published records of dividends.

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The following is a list of attorneys practicing at the present term of court: E. Nugent, R. Z. Johnson, E. J. Curtis, R. T. Miller, T. H. Smith, W. H. Davenport, L. P. Higbee, J. H. Lucas, C. G. Stafford, I. D. Haines, James Miller, T. G. Murphy, J. S. Reynolds, H. Martin, H. L. Preston, J. M. Murphy, W. G. T. Vault, A. A. Moore, J. H. Watson, A. Huggan and A. Heed.—Avalanche, October 2, 1865.

Coyote Chase.—On Wednesday evening a coyote appeared on Main street, and the sound of revolvers would have done credit to a well-regulated free fight. Mr. Coyote, astonished at his reception, took to his heels, and soon left Ruby in the distance.—Avalanche, September 16, 1865.

Hay is now selling here for \$100.00 per ton. Several loads have arrived in town during the week. There was probably 250 tons cut during the summer in Jordan valley, which will likely supply the demand in this section.—Avalanche, September 23, 1865.

Mr. James Hutchinson was born in Yorkshire, England, November 17, 1837, and is, therefore, sixty years of age. He came to America with his parents in 1848, and settled in Dubuque, Iowa; moved to Shullsburgh, Wisconsin, in 1852, and resided there until January, 1863, at which time he was married to Susan O'Neil; and started for Colorado territory, settling in Central City, Gilpin county, and from that time to the present has been engaged in gold and silver mining.

He was superintendent of the famous Gregory lode for twenty years; superintendent of the famous Robinson and Aspen mines, and was appointed state inspector of mines for the state of Colorado by Governor Cooper, in 1889. He came to Idaho to take charge of the Trade Dollar mine on January 1, 1894, and since his arrival it has been a continuous and regular dividend payer.



*James Hutchinson.*



*Joseph H. Hutchinson.*

Joseph H. Hutchinson, foreman for the Trade Dollar Mining & Milling Company, was born in Central City, Colorado, May 21, 1864. When sixteen years of age he moved to Denver and attended the public schools of that city. While in the high school there he was twice elected president of their lyceum, and won the famous Woodbury medal in 1883 for oratory. He worked his way through school as janitor of the Twenty-second avenue primary school, and as "route carrier" on the Rocky Mountain News and Denver Times. He was elected "chairman of the board" at the Colorado Mining Stock Exchange in 1890, and in 1893 left that institution while occupying the position of secre-

tary and treasurer, to help his father in Idaho. The Colorado Springs Mining Stock Association making him a handsome offer to preside over their board in 1896, he returned and handled the stocks through Cripple Creek's stock boom, and returned to cast his lot with Idaho January 1, 1897.

Mr. Hutchinson has been in mining camps all of his life except the periods of Denver school life and business, and in practical mining is quite an aid to his father as superintendent. Mr. Hutchinson wedded a native Owyhee girl (Miss Helen Hays), and both are western people in thoughts, deeds and actions. In politics "Joe" has been a silver man as against party distinction, and has the unique honor of being secretary of the first silver club ever formed in the United States; also secretary of the first national bimetallic convention held in Chicago in 1893, and secretary of the bimetallic union formed in Salt Lake in 1895.

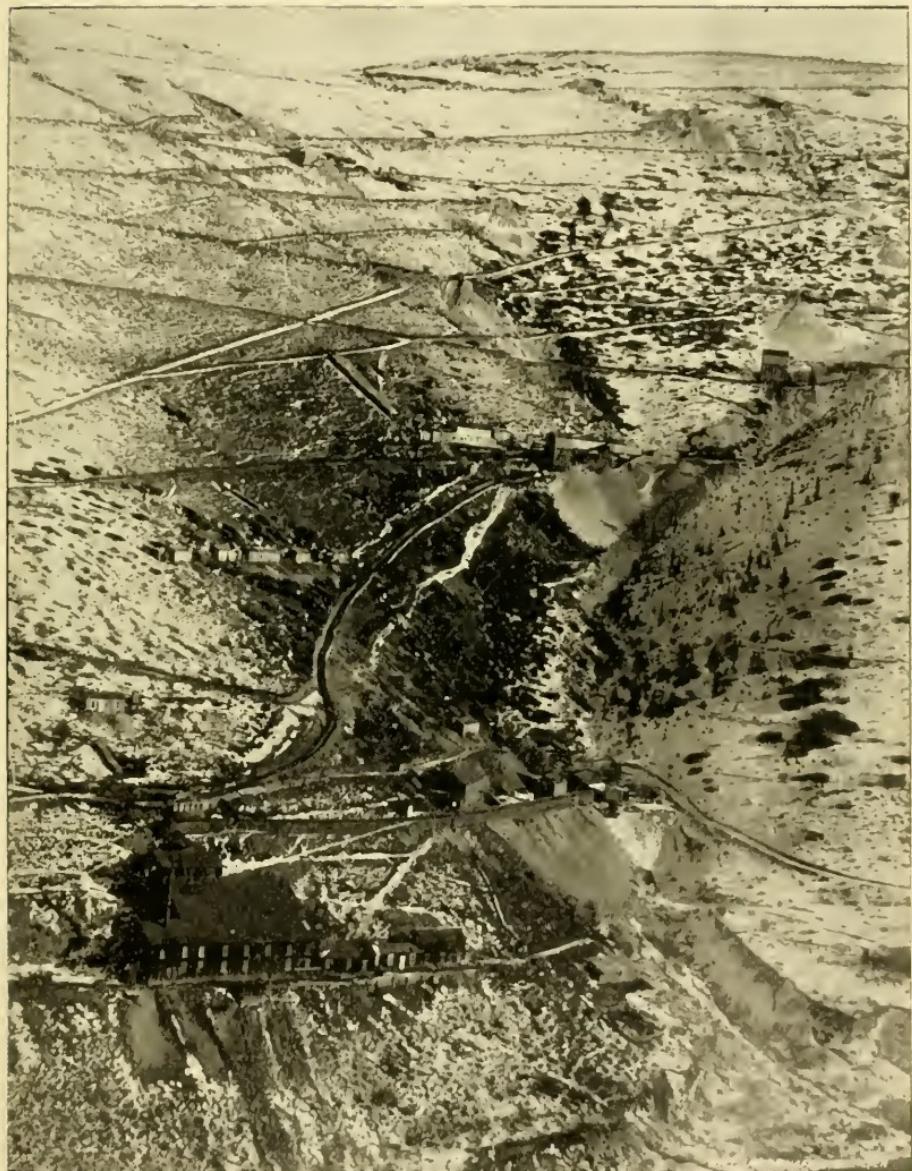
#### **THE IDAHO AND PITTSBURG MINING AND MILLING COMPANY.**

The Idaho and Pittsburg Mining and Milling Company was incorporated in 1890, under the laws of Kentucky, with a nominal capital of \$2,500,000.00, divided into 250,000 shares of \$10.00 each. The officers of the company are: John Irwin, Jr., president; Edwin Bindley, vice president; James McKay, treasurer; Lloyd L. Little, secretary, residing at Pittsburg, Pa. The local officers are Frederic Irwin, superintendent; J. B. Mattenson, mine foreman; James Inglis, mill foreman; Bert Haug, assayer and accountant. The company are the owners of the following mines: Black Jack, Empire State, Phillips, Sullivan, Belfast and Independance, all of which are patented, and the unpatented claims are Virginia, Bay State, Industry, Economy and Sun Flower.

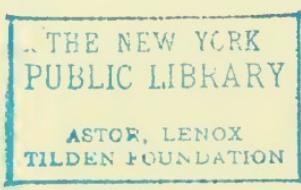
The "Black Jack" was the first mine located on Florida mountain, and in the "palmy days" of Owyhee prior to 1875, is said to have produced \$1,600,000.00, and kept three mills busy.

The failure of the Bank of California, which proved disastrous in general to the mining industries of this locality, also had a like effect on the "Black Jack," and for years nothing was done in the mine except assessment work and an occasional small shipment by chloriders.

In 1890 the present owners purchased the property and prosecuted work vigorously by starting a cross-cut tunnel to tap the ledge 540 feet below the lowest previous workings, and the following summer commenced to erect a ten-stamp mill. At first the outlook was very discouraging, the ledge after a drive of 950 feet being cut at a barren spot, but the company prosecuted the work with renewed energy, and in due time their perseverance was rewarded by the uncovering of a large chute of ore, which fully justified all the expense they had undertaken. This was followed by the discovery of several more good chutes of ore, and warranted a further outlay on the part of the company, and they concluded to cut the ledge at a greater depth, and with this end in view, purchased the Idaho tunnel of Herndon and Mattenson, and through this tunnel cut the ledge May, 1895, 306 feet below the old tunnel level, opening into about four feet of good ore. A shaft has since been sunk from the Idaho tunnel level



***Idaho and Pittsburg Mining and Milling Company.***



to a depth of 100 feet, and crosscuts run east and west from this point, the east cutting the Black Jack ledge fifty-three feet from the shaft, and the west driving for the Empire State ledge, which it is expected will be cut twenty to thirty feet further in at a distance of ninety feet from the shaft. This Empire State ledge has been cut 370 feet above this point and there shows about three feet of good milling ore. The shaft is in two compartments, each 4x4 in the clear, one compartment used as a cage way, in which a Fraser & Chalmers' cage is in operation, the other being used for a pumpway, counterbalance slide and manway. The hoisting engine is a Fairbanks, Morse & Co., thirty-horse power, power being furnished by an Ingersoll-Sergeant air compressor, located at the mill, 2,600 feet distant. A pump, of a capacity of sixty gallons a minute, is also operated by compressed air, and handles the water easily. There are at present ninety men employed in the mine and mill. The mill is a Fraser & Chalmers, ten stamps, three vanners, six pans and three settlers. Two sixty-inch boilers furnish the steam to a 14x12-inch Cooper-Corliss engine. The combination process is used, the vanners taking out sixty-five per cent. of the values in the form of concentrates, which are shipped to Denver for final treatment. Mill and mine run steadily, only recognizing two holidays—the Fourth of July and Christmas. The company has uninterruptedly paid dividends for the past five years, but being a close corporation figures are unattainable.



*Frederic Irwin.*

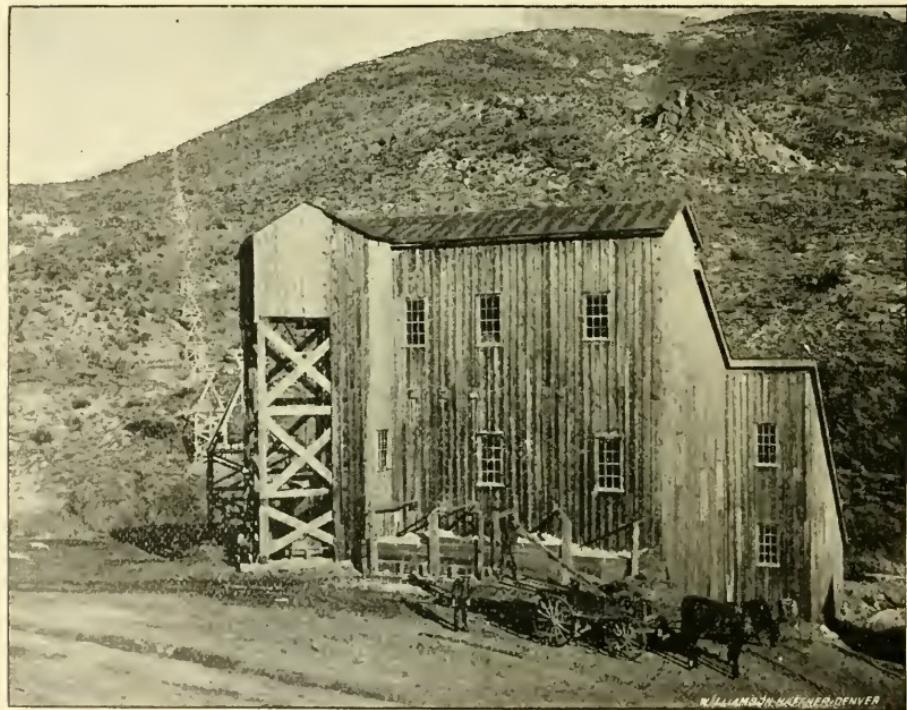
Mr. Frederic Irwin, superintendent of the Idaho and Pittsburgh Mining & Milling Company, was born in Sewickley, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1859. Is a graduate of the Western university of Pennsylvania.

and received his degree of Ph. B. in the scientific course of that university in 1878. He then followed mercantile and journalistic pursuits until 1891, when he was appointed superintendent of the properties of the Idaho and Pittsburg Mining & Milling Company, in Owyhee county, taking charge of the Black Jack mine in April, 1891. In September, 1897, he was appointed consulting Mining & Milling Company, in Owyhee county, taking charge of the Black engineer of the Poorman Gold Mines, Limited, of London, England.

Mr. Irwin is not alone a careful and painstaking manager, but is popular in mining circles, and his energy and perseverance combined with his good business and mining knowledge have placed his company in the rank it at present enjoys.

***POORMAN GOLD MINES, Limited.***

The Poorman group of mines embraces some twenty properties, covering one of the richest mineral belts on War Eagle mountain, a belt which has



*Poorman Mill and Tramway, Silver City.*

done much to make the fame of Silver City world-wide. The Poorman mine has a production record of about \$6,000,000.00, and other properties of the group—Belle Peck, Oso, Illinois Central, Jackson, and Silver Cord—are hardly

less notorious for richness and production. From 1875 to 1888 these properties were practically idle, but in the latter year they were purchased by a London syndicate, and have been worked to a more or less extent ever since. The company has expended hundreds of thousands of dollars during the past nine years in an effort to put the property upon a paying basis; but owing to the mismanagement and bad judgment of its managers, in a vain attempt to find rich ore overlooked in the old stopes, the property has not had a fair chance. For the past two years, however, the development work has been more judiciously directed, and the mine is being opened below all previous workings, and bids more than fair to repay the vast sums wantonly expended by former managers, and at the same time redeem its good name. The property is equipped with a ten-stamp mill, erected in 1895, and has a Hallidie system wire cable tramway for the transportation of ore from the mine to the mill. It is now under the able management of Richard H. Britt, with Mr. Frederic Irwin, consulting engineer. The developments at the mine are carefully looked after by Foreman Henry Kling, a miner of large and varied experience.

#### **CUMBERLAND GOLD MINE.**

On the eastern side of War Eagle mountain, three miles from Silver City, is owned by James Shaw, and has been operated under bond by Sonneman & Branscombe, of Spokane, since September, 1897, since which time the property has been equipped with hoist, shaft house, ore house, and other improvements made necessary for extensive work.

The situation is on the mineral zone which contains all the famous properties of War Eagle mountain, and on the system of veins on which are located the Oro Fino, Elmore, Golden Chariot, Minnesota, Mahogany, the aggregate production of which, amounting to \$36,000,000.00, did much towards producing the enormous amount of gold bullion produced by Owyhee county in the past. The Cumberland is the southerly extension of the Oro Fino, a celebrated producer, and a parallel location to the Golden Chariot, which carried pay ore to a depth of 1,500 feet, and has a record of shipments through Wells-Fargo express of \$14,000,000.00. The Cumberland is virgin ground, and is proving on development to be as rich as any of the adjacent properties. It is the second quartz property to have been opened in Owyhee county, the Oro Fino, on the same vein, being an earlier location. In the early sixties, a 110-foot shaft was sunk on the Cumberland vein, and some stoping done on the richest ore; but, on account of the large amount of trouble from the placer miners, and the depth demanding a power hoisting plant, work was stopped, and the shaft quickly filled to the collar with the debris washed down the canyon. The property eventually passed into the hands of Shaw, who has run upwards of 200 feet of tunnel on the vein above the collar of the old shaft. Most of the ground above this tunnel he has stoped, and, in spite of large expense attached to hauling, arastral milling, and large loss in tailings, the greater percentage of the silver value escaping, has averaged a clean-up of over \$100.00 per ton.

The ore is quartz, occasionally stained by small percentage of copper, and carrying nothing else but silver and gold, in proportion of one ounce of gold to ten of silver, or, at present quotations, 80 per cent. gold and 20 per cent. silver. Very often the gold percentage will exceed 90, but never less than 80. The gold values are entirely free-milling, the silver occurring as silver glance (argentite), and occasionally as native silver.

On securing the property, Sonneman & Branscombe immediately commenced to secure depth, by sinking a winze in the Shaw tunnel, and by cleaning out and sinking to greater depth the old shaft, unentered for thirty years. Besides the increased value and size of ledge in the winze, the show-



*Cumberland Gold Mine.*

ings uncovered in the old shaft are most pleasing. Considerable stoping had been done to within forty feet of the bottom, but, in the faces of these old stopes, a vein is left which pays well to extract, and below these stopes, to the bottom of the shaft, and in the bottom, is a good vein ready for stoping and of high-grade ore. During the winter the work will be continued by sinking shaft, which has a present depth of 175 feet, by three shifts, and pushing both the 100-foot level and the Shaw tunnel ahead. These developments are made justifiable by the presence of ore in the faces of both tunnels, the vein in the shaft being nearly two feet in width, and running over  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ounces in gold and 30 ounces in silver.

While all development indicates that the ore bodies in the Cumberland will equal in richness and tonnage those of the adjacent properties, the fact is already proven that in the Cumberland is a strong, perfectly continuous ledge, the ore chute being 300 feet long and an average width of twelve inches, which will yield to ordinary mill methods a return sufficient to heavily reward the investors, and encourage others to investigate, develop and reopen the long-neglected veins of War Eagle mountain.



*Stanley A. Easton.*

Mr. Stanley A. Easton, superintendent of the Cumberland gold mine, on War Eagle mountain, was born in California in 1871. He graduated from the University of California in 1894. Prior to and since that time he has been engaged in mining in California, Utah, Montana, British Columbia, Oregon and Northern Idaho. He was appointed superintendent of the Cumberland in September, 1897, and enjoys the high opinion of his employes, the business men, and all with whom he has become acquainted.

#### **MINERS' UNION OF SILVER CITY.**

Silver City Union No. 66, of the W. F. of M., was organized on August 8, 1896, the first officers installed being: President, O. D. Brumbaugh; vice-president, Simon Harris; financial secretary, W. H. Hutchins; recording sec-

retary, D. C. Wilson; treasurer, Thomas James; conductor (temporary), T. W. Drew; warden (temporary), J. McLeavey.

Since its organization the Miners' Union of Silver City has paid out in benefits to members and their families some \$6,000.00, and also expended \$1,450.00 on the Miners' hospital, of Silver City, which was opened the latter part of October, 1897.

Aside from the social position which the union holds in the community, it has ever been ready to preserve the harmony which exists between the large



*Miners' Union Hospital, Silver City.*

mining companies and their employes. Its total membership to date amounts to 525, of which 25 have withdrawn and transferred, the balance being all in good standing, and its financial affairs are in a flourishing condition.

The present officers are: President, Thomas W. Drew; vice-president, William Smaill; financial secretary, W. H. Roberts; recording secretary, Simon Harris; conductor, Charles Rogers; warden, Antone Mangold.

#### ***THE Owyhee Avalanche.***

The Avalanche was established by the Wasson Bros. and J. L. Hardin, in August, 1865. The last-named gentleman withdrew from the firm a year later and the Wassons continued the publication of the paper for another year. On the seventeenth of August, 1867, they sold out to W. J. Hill and H. W. Millard. These two sold the concern to John McGonigle, November 7, 1868, who man-

aged the same until February 19, 1870, when Messrs. Hill and Millard repurchased the property, as also the *Tidal Wave*, a paper which had been in existence a year or more, under the ownership and management of Butler Bros. The two papers were consolidated under the name of *The Idaho Avalanche*, Mr. Hill purchasing the interest of his partner and becoming the sole proprietor a few weeks subsequent. In October, 1874, in the flush times of Owyhee, he established a daily paper, which he continued for about a year and a half. In April, 1876, he leased the paper to Major J. S. Hay, who a year later purchased and became the owner of the same, carrying it on until October 16, 1880, when he disposed of the same to Guy Newcomb and Dave Adams, who formed a partnership under the style of *Newcomb & Adams*, until May 20, 1882, when Adams disposed of his interest to C. M. Hays, who also bought out Newcomb on December 9, 1882. Mr. Hays carried on the business until November 8, 1890, when he leased the office to John Lamb and L. A. York, who continued its publication until the spring of 1892, when Lamb retired, and York re-leased the plant, purchasing the same June 1, 1894. On August 20, 1897, the beginning of the thirty-third volume, the name of the paper was changed from *The Idaho Avalanche* to *The Owyhee Avalanche*, the name under which it first appeared, August 15, 1865.



L. A. YORK.

Mr. L. A. York, editor and publisher of *The Owyhee Avalanche*, was born in Lewiston, Maine, on March 13, 1860. Moved with his parents to Concord, N. H., in 1871, and to Evart, Mich., in 1879. In 1881 he entered the *Weekly Review* office, of Evart, in the capacity of "devil," and in the spring of 1883 left

for Telluride, Colo., where he worked at the printer's trade. Was in North Dakota from the fall of 1884 to the spring of 1889, working alternately at farming and printing. In 1889 he returned to Colorado, going to Salt Lake City that fall. Worked on the Salt Lake Tribune as "slug 14" until March, 1890, when he quit to accept foremanship of the Avalanche office. Was married at Weiser, Idaho, September 19, 1893, to Miss Catherine Brady, two children, Ralph aged 3, and Ruth aged 1½, blessing the union. Mr. York is an active member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, and the present presiding officer of Mystic Encampment No. 6, I. O. O. F.



*M. M. Getchell.*

Mr. Meserve M. Getchell, postmaster of Silver City, was born at Baring, Maine, January 5, 1868, where he received a common-school education. Worked on a New England farm and in a saw mill until 1888, when he clerked for a time, and then secured employment in a shoe factory at Northwood, New Hampshire. Came to Silver City in July, 1889, where he accepted a position as clerk in the drug store and postoffice for his uncle, S. T. N. Smith, and when the latter purchased the Idaho hotel, December 1, 1889, Mr. Getchell continued in his service. He was married on December 27, 1891, to Miss Maud Hays. Engaged in ranching and sheep raising in September, 1892, for one year, with headquarters on Squaw creek, serving also as deputy recorder for Opaline mining district. Returning to Silver City, he worked at milling for a time, and then was selected to serve out R. Euler's term as postmaster. At the

expiration of this term, he was appointed postmaster, November 2, 1894, under Cleveland, notwithstanding that he was a republican, and was again commissioned on June 19, 1897, by President McKinley. Mrs. Getchell died on August 7, 1897. Mr. Getchell is a member of the I. O. O. F.

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J. A. POLLARD was born in Louisiana, in 1866, receiving his education in Tulane university, and has practiced under the civil law system for the past six years. He came to Silver City in 1894, and has since been prominently engaged in the practice of his profession, enjoying a successful and lucrative practice. He is retained by the Trade Dollar Mining & Milling Company, the Cumberland mine, and the Poorman Gold Mines, Limited, and is also agent for the latter company. Mr. Pollard also acts in the capacity of legal adviser for the board of county commissioners. He has taken an active interest in the mining industry of this county, and has promoted a number of important sales for owners, and is himself personally interested in several mining properties. He was married on November 10, 1897, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to Miss Josie Reilly. Mr. Pollard is a democrat, and has taken a prominent part in the local polities of the county during his residence here.

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J. G. WATTS was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1858. He lost his father in the civil war, and his mother, taking advantage of the liberal provisions made by the state of Pennsylvania for the education of its soldiers' orphans, sent him, in the fall of 1867, to the Soldiers' Orphan school, located at Mansfield, in Tioga county, where he remained until 1874. In the winter of 1875-6 he taught his first term of school, receiving therefor sixteen dollars per month, boarding with the patrons of the school, one week at a place. Later on he attended the State Normal school at Mansfield, from which he graduated in 1880. After teaching two years in Pennsylvania, subsequent to his graduation, and, receiving a life diploma from the state, he started for the West, reaching Chicago April 1, 1882. He spent four years in Illinois, three years of which was occupied in teaching at Petersburg, the fourth year as clerk in a boot and shoe house in Chicago. While teaching at Petersburg he studied law with Hon. T. W. McNeely, and while clerking in Chicago attended lectures at the Union Law college. He left Illinois for Nebraska in March, 1886, and on the first day of April, 1886, was admitted to the practice of law at North Platte, Nebraska. After practicing in Nebraska for four years, he came to Idaho, where he has since resided. He was a member of the state senate of Idaho in the second session, being elected from Boise county. He has resided at Silver City since October, 1893. Was married to Pearl Stoner at Omaha, Nebraska, in 1889.

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Quicksilver Mine.—The locators are running a tunnel of one hundred feet in length. What the prospects are we have as yet but little information. It is located about twelve miles from this place, in a southeasterly direction.—Avalanche, August 26, 1865.

**1867—MARKET PRICES—1897.**

Retail market prices current in Silver City in 1867, as published by Du Reli & Moore, as compared with market prices current in Silver City in 1897, as kindly furnished by Dave Adams:

- Flour, 1867, \$32.00 per C; 1897, \$3.20 per C.  
Bacon and hams, 1867, 75c per lb.; 1897, 14c per lb.  
Beans, 1867, 35c per lb; 1897, 6c per lb.  
Butter, 1867, \$1.25 per lb.; 1897, 30c per lb.  
Lard, 1867, 75c per lb.; 1897, 10c per lb.  
Coffee, 1867, 75c per lb; 1897, 18c per lb.  
Tea, 1867, \$1.50@2.00 per lb.; 1897, 40c per lb.  
Sugar, 1867, 60c per lb.; 1897, 9c per lb.  
Candles, 1867, \$1.00 per lb.; 1897, 25c per lb.  
Coal oil, 1867, \$8.00 per gal.; 1897, 50c per gal.  
Tobacco, 1867, \$2.00 per lb.; 1897, 40c per lb.  
Rice, 1867, 40c per lb.; 1897, 10c per lb.  
Canned fruit, 1867, \$1.50 per can; 1897, 20c per can.  
Spices, 1867, 75c per lb.; 1897, 25c per lb.  
Pickles, 1867, \$3.00 per gal.; 1897, 40c per gal  
Dried apples, 1867, 50c per lb.; 1897, 15c per lb.  
Dried peaches, 1867, 60c per lb.; 1897, 15c per lb.  
Cheese, 1867, 75c per lb.; 1897, 20c per lb.  
Raisins, 1867, \$1.00 per lb.; 1897, 20c per lb.  
Salt, 1867, \$1.00 per 5-lb. sack; 1897, 15c per 5-lb. sack.  
Picks, 1867, \$8.00 each; 1897, \$1.00 each, best.  
Shovels, 1867, \$4.00 each; 1897, \$1.00 each best  
Heavy boots, miners', 1867, \$12.00 per pair; 1897, \$3.00@5.00 per pair  
Eggs, 1867, \$3.00 per doz.; 1897, 25c per doz.  
Brown sheetings, 1867, 60c per yd.; 1897, 5c per yd.  
Brown drillings, 1867, 70c per yd.; 1897, 12½c per yd.  
Heavy duck, 1867, \$2.75 per yd.; 1897, 25c per yd.  
Gray blankets, 1867, \$16.00 each; 1897, \$4.00 each.  
Hip gum boots, 1867, \$16.00 per pair; 1897, \$5.00 per pair  
Codfish, 1867, 62c per lb.; 1897, 12½c per lb.  
Cranberries, 1867, \$35.00 per keg; 1897, 15c per qt.  
Buck gloves, 1867, \$3.50 per pair; 1897, \$1.00 per pair.

**SILVER CITY DIRECTORY.****ADAMS, DAVE.**

Dealer in general merchandise.

Adams, Green, mining.

Ainell, John, miner.

Albee, Charles, miner.

Allen, Fred L., salesman Dave Adams.

Allen, Miss Julia, milliner.

Allen, W., miner.

Allers, F., watchman T. D.

Anderson, Austin, miner.

Anderson, Fred C., blacksmith.

Anderson, J. S., miner.

Anderson, O., car B.

Anderson, Peter, miner.

Andregg, Albert, miner.

Andregg, H. F., miner P.

Andregg, L. M., miner.

Andrews, Peter, miner B.

Aspden, Thomas, miner.

Aubrey, L. H., miner.

Aultman, Emil B., miner.

Austin, C. M., miner.

Ayersoets, James, miner.

Bachman, Jacob, car B.

Bachman, George, miner.

Backlund, C., laborer T. D.

Backlund, Eric, miner.

Backlund, J., miner T. D.

Badley, J. E., miner.

Badley, O. V., miner.

**BALLARD, E. L.**

Clerk District Court and ex-officio  
Auditor and Recorder.

Bannon, F., wood.

Bannon, William, miner.

Barey, Pat, miner.

Bard, Henry, teamster.

**BARKLE BROS.**

Corner saloon.

**BARKLE, SAMUEL.**

(Barkle Bros.)

**BARKLE, WILLIAM.**

(Barkle Bros.)

Barnes, Albert, miner.

Barnes, Elmore, miner.

Barry, C. N., engineer.

Beary, W. H., miner and Representative  
Legislature.

Beaton, James, Jr., mining.

Beaton, James, Sr., mining.

Beck, George W., wood.

Beckman, Barney, miner.

Beckman, P. A., miner.

Beckman, William, miner.

Belcher, W. H., miner.

Beleloni, G., miner B.

Bell, Andy, miner.

Bell, William, miner.

Berry, Charles, miner.

Berg, Abel A., mining.

Bernasconi, Louis, wood.

Betts, Elmer, miner.

Billings, William, fruit dealer.

Bishop, A. K., (Hedum & Bishop).

Bissett, A. L., Battery B mill.

Bissett, W., B mill.

Blaekinger, Frank J., barkeeper Idaho  
hotel.

Bocklund, J., miner T. D.

Boles, Albert, miner C.

Bonner, Neil, miner.

Bowden, Andrew, carpenter.

Bowman, Bonfield, miner P.

Bowman, J. L., steward Idaho hotel.

Bradshaw, T., blacksmith.

Brady, J. F., miner T. D.

Bricea, L., miner.

Britt, R. H., manager Poorman.

Breshears, Wesley F., miner.

**BROWN & SAMPSON.**

Livery and feed stables.

Brown, F., miner.

**BROWN, J. C.**

(Brown & Sampson).

Brown, Joseph, miner.

Brown, J. L., miner.

**BRUCE, GEORGE W.**

(Owyhee Meat Company).

Brumbaugh, O. D., miner B.

Brunzell, A. F., barkeeper.

Brunzell, Charles, miner.

- Brunzell, Jno. A., capitalist.  
**BRUNZELL, J. M., JR.,**  
 Saloon.  
**BRUNZELL, OSCAR F.,**  
 County Assessor.  
 Bullott, Charles, miner.  
 Burger, John, miner.  
 Burns, C. P., miner C.  
 Burns, W. K., miner.  
 Butler, R. W., (McMahon & Butler).  
**C. O. & I. STAGE COMPANY,**  
 J. J. Davis, superintendent; S. T. N. Smith, agent.  
 Callahan, Mike, capitalist.  
 Cameron, A. D., miner T. D.  
 Cameron, J. D., miner.  
 Carlson, Henry, miner.  
 Carlson, Swan, miner.  
 Carlson, Victor, miner.  
 Carr, Samuel, barber shop.  
 Carroll, Frank, miner.  
 Carter, Andy, millman.  
 Carter, D., car B.  
 Cassin, P. J., miner T. D.  
 Caveney, Edw., mining.  
 Caveney, Mrs., widow.  
 Ceslino, F., wood.  
 Christian, E., miner.  
 Cinquini, M., miner.  
 Clark, James, miner.  
 Clonbio, J., miner.  
 Coburn, B. C., miner.  
 Coffin, George, cook.  
 Cole, R., miner.  
 Coll, Barney, miner.  
 Connor, J. J., capitalist.  
**CONNORS, J. C.,**  
 (Owyhee Meat Company and County Treasurer).  
 Connors, John, Battery B mill.  
 Connors, Peter, mining.  
 Coombes, W., miner T. D.  
 Cooney, M., miner C.  
 Corbett, Thomas, car Bl.  
 Corda, Caesar, miner P.  
 Cornish, Joseph, miner.  
 Cotter, James, watchman.  
 Cowles, Francis J., ranch.  
 Cox, William A., miner.  
 Cronin, Barry, miner.  
**CROCHERON, A. B.,**  
 County Sheriff.  
 Crowley, John, miner P.  
 Crutcher J. L., watchman T. D.  
**CUMBERLAND MINE,**  
 S. A. Easton, superintendent.  
 Cummings, D., timberman C.  
**CUNNINGHAM, RICHARD,**  
 Attorney at law.  
**CURTIS, VAN S.,**  
 Blacksmith.  
 Daly, J. H., miner.  
 Daly, Thomas, miner.  
 Daly, Thomas, miner B.  
 Daniels, Charles, miner.  
 Daniels, W., miner.  
 Danielson, C. A., miner.  
 Danner, D., miner.  
 Darnold, Robert, miner.  
 Davey, W. E., miner.  
 Davidson, W. T., miner.  
 Davies, Herbert, miner.  
 Davis, Frank, miner.  
 Davis, Frank H., miner.  
 Davis, Harry, miner.  
 Davis, Herbert, miner.  
 Davis, H. H., miner.  
 Davis, J. B., miner B.  
 Davis, J. L., miner.  
 Davis, Patrick, miner.  
 Day, F. R., miner.  
 Day, Thomas A., miner.  
 DeLaney, Charles E., clerk.  
 Dealy, Jno. T., teamster.  
 Dealy, Thomas, miner.  
 Denny, Matt J., miner.  
 Denny, R. G., capitalist.  
 Demming, J., miner.  
 Devore, Oliver, comp. T. D.  
 Doherty, Hugh, miner.  
 Donnelly, Pat, miner.  
 Dorsey, Jno. P., miner.  
 Dowlan, James R., milk.  
 Dowling, James W., miner.  
 Drew, Thomas W., miner.  
 Drew, William, miner.  
 Drolinger, Samuel, miner C.  
 Duke, J. T., miner.  
**DUNHAM, D. C.,**  
 Blacksmith and wheelwright.

- Dwyer, Richard, miner.  
**EASTON, S. A.**  
 Superintendent Cumberland mine.  
 Eddy, Whitfield, miner B.  
 Edgar, John, capitalist.  
 Edwards, Henry T., miner.  
 Egan, H., miner.  
 Egan, Mrs., restaurant.  
 Eisenhart, L., blacksmith T. D.  
 Elarche, Fred, miner.  
 Eli, R. A., miner.  
 Ellis, J. M., clerk Golden Rule store.  
 Elmer, W. W., assayer Blaine mill.  
 Engelbretson, Andrew, prospector.  
 Erickson, A., miner T. D.  
 Fain, A. A., miner.  
**FAIRIS, LEA,**  
 Barber shop and bath rooms.  
 Farmer, David, miner.  
 Farrar, Mrs. Edith S., school teacher.  
**FEHRENSEN, FRED J.,**  
 City drug store.  
 Feeny, J. D., miner.  
 Feeny, William, miner.  
**FEOUR, DANIEL,**  
 Mine owner.  
 Ferguson, J. W., miner.  
 Figgey, A., miner.  
 Finley, H., miner T. D.  
 Fletcher, T., engineer.  
 Fontana, P., miner B.  
 Forcate, Charles, miner.  
 Ford, W. E., engineer P.  
 Foster, L., fireman B. mill.  
 Fox, Thomas, miner.  
 Franz, Joseph, miner.  
 Fraser, James, blacksmith.  
 Frazer, John A., miner.  
 French, Miss P., school teacher.  
 Fiost, John, teamster.  
 Fry, T. D., miner B.  
 Gabriel, William, teaming.  
 Gallagher, James J., miner.  
 Gardanier, H. A., manager cyanide plant  
     P. mill.  
 Gardner, J., miner B.  
 Gartledge, Byron, miner.  
 Gates, A. S., miner B.  
 Gates, S. S., miner.  
 Gay, William, miner.  
 Geelowson, M. G., miner.  
 Genau, George, miner.  
 Genau, A. S., miner B.  
 Genson, C., miner.  
 Gerbrich, Jno. A., miner.  
 Gerling, F., engineer C.  
**GETCHELL, M. M.,**  
 Postmaster and dealer in varieties.  
 Gianini, J., miner.  
 Gibbons, Arthur A., wood.  
 Gibbons, Alexander A., wood.  
 Givens, E. C., accountant T. D. M. Co.  
 Gluyas, E., engineer T. D.  
 Goble, Mrs. E. J., hotel and restaurant.  
 Goble, George A., teamster.  
 Goble, James D., teamster.  
**GOLDEN RULE STORE,**  
 D. C. Sinclair, manager, dry goods,  
 clothing, etc.  
**GOMBRIG, RALPH,**  
 (Isay & Gombrig):  
 Gomez, A., miner B.  
 Goodall, W. E., miner B.  
 Goodwin, James, teamster.  
 Gordan, William, miner.  
 Grady, John, miner.  
 Graham, M., miner.  
 Grant, E. W., miner.  
 Gregg, E., miner.  
 Greenig, D. T., miner.  
 Green, J. W., miner.  
 Green, William, miner.  
 Greenlaw, Robert, carpenter.  
 Greer, James, porter W. E. hotel.  
 Greve, Richard, miner.  
**GRETE, AUGUST,**  
 W. E. saloon.  
**GRETE, C. H.,**  
 Accountant Dave Adams.  
 Grete, E. F., bartender.  
**GRETE, FRED., JR.,**  
 Furniture, etc.  
**GRETE, FRED., SR.,**  
 Brewery and saloon.  
 Grete, John, Jr., steward W. E. hotel.  
**GRETE, JOHN, SR.,**  
 Proprietor War Eagle hotel.  
 Grover, Wes., stableman.  
**GROSS, JOSEPH C.,**  
 Clerk War Eagle hotel.

- Guidici, Philip, miner.  
 Hacock, S., miner.  
 Hadley, J. C., comp. T. D. and Representative State Legislature.  
**HALLENBECK, JOHN,**  
 Speculator.  
 Hamilton, J. A., miner.  
 Hamilton, R. B., Deputy Sheriff.  
 Hamilton, Thomas, miner.  
 Handy, H., car B.  
**HANDY, GEORGE H.,**  
 Probate Judge.  
 Handy, R. S., miner.  
 Hanson, Peter, miner B.  
 Harris, F. R., miner.  
 Harris, J. D., carpenter.  
**HARRIS, SIMON,**  
 Justice of the Peace.  
 Hard, J. H., clerk Golden Rule store.  
 Hart, Harry, blacksmith.  
 Hart, T., miner B.  
 Hartley, M., miner.  
 Harvison, Carl, miner.  
**HASTINGS, BEN. F.,**  
 State Mine Inspector.  
 Hays, C. D., miner T. D.  
 Haywood, W. D., miner B.  
 Hazel, John, miner.  
 Hedin, N. G., miner.  
 Hedum, C. C., (Hedum & Bishop).  
 Hedum & Bishop, photographers.  
**HEIDELBERGER, SAMUEL,**  
 Dealer in general merchandise.  
 Helm, F., clerk Isay & Gombrig.  
 Hemmingway, Robert, barkeeper.  
 Hennessy, John F., miner.  
 Herbert, Root, carpenter.  
 Hicks, George, miner.  
 Hill, J., laborer T. D.  
 Hinkey, Herman, capitalist.  
 Hobba, Richard, miner.  
 Hockings, J., miner B.  
 Hogan, John, miner.  
 Holcomb, Charles, carpenter.  
 Holland, James, miner.  
 Holland, John, miner.  
 Holland, Joseph, miner.  
 Holm, Matt, miner.  
 Holmes, C. E., miner C.  
 Holmes, Edw., miner.  
 Holtgren, C., miner T. D.  
 Holtgren, Gus., shift boss T. D.  
 Hosking, E., miner B.  
 Hoskins, Jno. A., miner.  
 Hubbert, Joseph, capitalist.  
 Hudgens, A., dentist.  
 Hughes, B., miner.  
 Hughes, Samuel, bricklayer.  
 Hughes, Mrs. Samuel, Miners' hotel.  
 Hulett, Frank W., County Surveyor.  
 Humphrey, William R., prospector.  
 Hunkins, C. B., assistant assayer B mill.  
 Hunt, D. A., miner T. D.  
 Hunter, David, wood.  
 Hunter, Edward, teamster.  
 Hutchings, William H., miner.  
**HUTCHINSON, JAMES,**  
 Superintendent T. D. M. & M. Co.  
**HUTCHINSON, J. H.,**  
 Assistant superintendent T. D. M. & M. Co.  
**IDAHO HOTEL,**  
 S. T. N. Smith, proprietor.  
 Inman, H. A., stableman.  
**ISAY & GOMBRIG,**  
 Dealers in general merchandise.  
**ISAY, JULIUS,**  
 (Isay & Gombrig).  
 Jackson, J., miner.  
 Jackson, Thomas, miner.  
 Jacobs, B. W., (Rock & Jacobs).  
 Jacobson, Jacob, miner.  
 Jacobson, J. O., miner T. D.  
 Jarvis, J. Harry, miner.  
 Jeffery, J. M., engineer T. D.  
 Johnlinear, Nels, miner.  
 Johns, A., shift boss Blaine.  
 Johnson, August, miner.  
 Johnson, David, miner.  
 Johnson, Mike, miner.  
 Johnson, Nels, miner.  
 Johnson, Wallace, miner T. D.  
 Johnston, F., miner B.  
 Johnston, G. J., carpenter T. D.  
 Jones, Charles, miner.  
 Jones, J., tank B. mill.  
 Jones, Jess, cook.  
 Jones, S. H., miner B.  
 Jones, Thomas L., comp. T. D.  
 Jones, W. L., miner.

- Jordan, S. G., miner.  
 Junor, E. G., miner.  
**KAISNER & TURMES,**  
 (Silver City Meat Company).  
**KAISNER, WILLIAM,**  
 (Kaisner & Turmes).  
 Kane, John M., (Miller & Co.).  
 Keast, W., miner.  
 Keeley, William, waiter.  
 Kelly, John, miner.  
 Kelly Bros., Long Gulch stables.  
 Kelly, Patrick W., (Kelly Bros.).  
 Kelly, Robert J., (Kelly Bros.).  
 Kennedy, Mrs. Patrick J., laundry.  
 Kennedy, Tim., miner T. D.  
 Kent, J., miner.  
 Kiernan, James, miner B.  
 Kimzey, J. S., carpenter.  
 Kincaid, Isaac, wood.  
 Kinsley, Charles E., miner T. D.  
 Kinsman, Richard, miner.  
 Kirchhoff, William, stableman.  
 Kling, Henry, foreman Poorman.  
**KNAPP, ARTHUR M.,**  
 (Charles E. Knapp & Son).  
**KNAPP, CHARLES E.,**  
 (Charles E. Knapp & Son, residence De Lamar, Nevada).  
**KNAPP, CHARLES E. & SON,**  
 Model Pharmacy.  
 Kreis, H. L., salesman Isay & Gombrig.  
 Lagan, Dr. E., physician.  
 Lake, C. H., dairy.  
 Lang, Thomas, miner.  
 Langford, Frank, miner.  
 Lapoul, John, wood.  
 Larks, Charles P., musician.  
**LARSEN, NEILS C.,**  
 (N. C. Larsen Coml. Co.).  
**LARSEN, N. C. COML. CO. LTD.,**  
 General merchandise.  
 Law, James B., miner B.  
 Lawler, J., miner B.  
 Lawson, A. G., blacksmith T. D.  
 Leary, Daniel, miner.  
 Lee, James H., miner.  
 Lee, W. S., miner P.  
 Leonard, Mark, agent C. O. & I. Stage  
     Company.  
 Leonard, Matt J., printer.  
 Leonard, R. H., Jr., notary public.  
**LEONARD, R. H., SR.,**  
 Mining.  
 Lester, G. W., miner.  
**LEWIS, ELISHA, SR.,**  
 Mining and ex-Probate Judge.  
 Lewis, E., Jr., mining.  
 Lewis, George H., mining.  
 Lewis, Jno. H., miner.  
 Lewis, Robert, miner.  
 Lewis, R. M., engineer.  
 Lewis, William, barkeeper.  
 Lilien, C. F., miner.  
 Lindsay, A. G., miner.  
 Lindsay, N., miner B.  
 Lindquist, Peter, miner.  
**LIPPINCOTT, A. C., M. D.,**  
 Physician and surgeon.  
 Llewellyn, G. C., wood.  
 Lloyd, J. F., (Stephenson & Lloyd).  
 Logue, John, miner.  
 Lompa, S., wood.  
 Long, C., miner.  
 Lowe, W. H., millman.  
 Lower, Professor B. B., mining.  
 Lowney, Con., miner.  
 Luxton, J. H., wood.  
 McAleavy, Frank, miner.  
 McBride, J., miner.  
**MCCABE, JOHN,**  
 (McCabe & Murphy, and Under Sheriff).  
**MCCABE, PATRICK,**  
 Janitor Masonic hall.  
 McCabe & Murphy, saloon.  
 McCall, William, miner.  
 McCambridge, J., miner.  
 McCarthy, Jno., carpenter.  
 McCaully, James, millman.  
 McClellan, M. C., miner.  
 McDonald, Duncan, miner.  
 McDonald, A. D., miner T. D.  
 McDonald, G., timberman C.  
 McDonald, James A., shift boss B.  
 McDonald, Jno. R., miner B.  
 McElmeel, Stephen, miner.  
 McGuire, F., miner C.  
 McKelvey, E., miner.  
 McKelvey, F., miner.  
 McKelvey, J., miner.  
 McKenzie, G., miner.  
 McKinnon, C. B., miner.

- McLean, Matt, miner B.  
 McLeod, R. E., miner B.  
 McMahon & Butler, saloon.  
 McMahon, A. P., (McMahon & Butler).  
 McMahon, F., miner.  
 McMahon, John, mining.  
 McMillan, H. Guy, mining.  
 McMillan, J. N., miner.  
 McMillen, J. A., miner.  
 McMurray, J. P., miner.  
 McMurren, Mrs. S. F., boarding house C.  
 McNair, E. H., miner.  
 McNamara, T. J., carpenter.  
 Mealue, T., miner.  
 Macken, William, miner.  
 Main, Alexander, miner.  
 Mangold, Antone, miner.  
 Maroffa, T., miner T. D.  
 Marlett, B., miner.  
 Martin, J., ranch.  
 Martin, W., miner.  
 Martincourt, John, ranch.  
 Matheson, Ed., stage driver.  
 Maryland, Gunther, miner.  
 Medlen, P. D., miner.  
 Meeds, D. G., & Co., barber shop.  
 Melia, Thomas, miner T. D.  
 Meriden, M., miner.  
 Meyer, Frank, miner.  
 Mikkelson, Gilbert, miner.  
 Miller & Co., saloon.  
 Miller, A. J., miner.  
 Miller, C., miner B.  
 Miller, Charles H., engineer.  
 Miller, James, miner.  
 Miller, J., ranch.  
 Miller, James W., (Miller & Co.).  
 Miller, Jeff., stage driver.  
 Miller, Monroe, miner B.  
 Miller, R. L., miner.  
 Mills, J. W., miner B.  
 Mills, Mrs. J. W., millinery.  
 Miner, Charles, butcher.  
 Miner, Everett A., butcher.  
 Mitchell, R., miner.  
 Moe, S. N., jeweler.  
 Monahan, Charles, capitalist.  
 Morris, Alexander, miner.  
 Morrow, P., car B.  
 Morrow, R. E., car B.  
 Morrow, Silas L., blacksmith.  
 Morton, R., miner.  
 Morton, Richard B., miner.  
 Moss, Joe, office boy T. D.  
 Motley, C. N., watchman Poorman.  
 Mott, Frank, carpenter.  
 Murphy, C. B., (McCabe & Murphy).  
 Murphy, Patrick J., carpenter.  
 Murphy, T. H., miner.  
 Murray, Andrew, miner.  
 Murray, James, miner.  
 Murray, James, miner.  
 Myers, Isaac, miner.  
 Myers, Frank, mining.  
 Near, W., miner T. D.  
 Nelson, C., miner T. D.  
 Nelson, Nels, miner.  
 Nette, Thilo, miner.  
 Nevins, Mike, miner.  
 Nichols, A. J., miner.  
 Nichols, Edw., miner.  
 Nichols, G., miner B.  
 Nichols, H., pans B. mill.  
 Nichols, N., miner T. D.  
 Nichols, S., miner B.  
**NICHOLS, W. X.,**  
     County Commissioner and notary public.  
 Noakes, E., miner B.  
 Nolan, J. C., miner.  
 Norton, Robert J., miner.  
 Norton, J. S., miner.  
 Norval, Robert, miner.  
**NUGENT, EDWARD,**  
     Attorney at law.  
 Nyblom, A., miner.  
 Nybloom, Eric, miner.  
 O'Neil, David, Jr., miner B.  
 O'Neil, David, Sr., miner.  
 O'Neill, J., miner.  
 O'Neill, J. J., miner.  
 Oates, James, miner.  
 Odgers, William, miner.  
 Ohlnauer, A. C., miner.  
 Ohrbeck, M., miner.  
 Olden, W. A., miner.  
 Oliver, J., soda factory.

- Olsen, J., miner T. D  
 Olsen, L. M., miner.  
 Olsen, Ole M., miner.  
 Osborne, William, miner.
- OWYHEE AVALANCHE.**  
 L. A. York, editor and publisher.
- OWYHEE MEAT COMPANY.**  
 Connors & Bruce, proprietors.
- Page, R., miner.  
 Palmer, A. J., mining.  
 Palmer, George W., mining.  
 Parry, M. L., carpenter.  
 Pasini, Angelo, miner.  
 Pascoe, J., miner.  
 Patterson, S., miner.  
 Patterson, W., miner.  
 Pearce, W. L., compressor T. D.  
 Peirazini, Stephen, miner.  
 Perata, J. B., miner.  
 Perry, Samuel, miner.  
 Person, Nels, miner.  
 Peterson, A., miner.  
 Peterson, I. T., real estate.  
 Peterson, John A., miner.  
 Phelps, Charles, miner.  
 Phelps, Joseph, miner.  
 Pickering, S. H., miner.  
 Pinkley, David, wood.  
 Pistori, James, millman.  
 Plumer, Wood, druggist.
- POLLARD, J. A.,**  
 Attorney at law.  
 Pollard, Richard, miner.  
 Pooley, W., miner B.
- POORMAN GOLD MINES, LTD.,**  
 R. H. Britt, resident manager.
- Potter, J. M., carpenter.  
 Powell, Charles, blacksmith.  
 Powell, George F., miner.  
 Powell, Robert, miner.  
 Price, Calvin, miner.  
 Price, John, prospector.  
 Prisk, W. J., miner.  
 Pugh, David, miner.  
 Pulaski, Ed., miner.  
 Purcell, John, miner.  
 Quigley, B., ore sorter B.  
 Quinlan, David, miner.  
 Quinn, T., miner.  
 Ranston, Joseph A., stableman.
- Reardon, Bert, miner.  
 Reed, Cyrus, miner.  
 Reed, J. C., miner.  
 Reed, T. C., miner.  
 Reel, Owen, miner.  
 Reese, J., miner B.  
 Reese, W., miner.  
 Reeves, W. N., miner.  
 Retalleck, J., miner.  
 Richards, Henry, miner.  
 Ridder, O., miner.  
 Riggle, J. W., miner.  
 Riley, Allen, miner.  
 Ringgold, J. B., freighter.  
 Ringwood, Olof, miner.  
 Rock & Jacobs, saloon.  
 Rock, B., miner.  
 Rock, Mike, constable, (and Rock & Jacobs).  
 Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co., S.  
 N. Moe, agent.  
 Roberts, James, miner.  
 Roberts, Lewis, foreman B. mill.  
 Roberts, William H., fruit, confectionery.  
 Robinson, E., miner.  
 Rodriguez, J. B., boots and shoes.  
 Roe, James, milk.  
 Rogers, C., car B.  
 Roode, H. C., miner.  
 Rooney, H. F., miner.  
 Ross, Gus., miner.  
 Ross, Hugh, miner.  
 Roskins, Chris, miner.  
 Rule, Lewis, miner.  
 Rule, Joseph, miner.  
 Ruskin, C., miner T. D.  
 Ryan, M. F., miner.  
 St. Clair, Frank M., mining.  
 St. Clair, J. S., Deputy Clerk District Court.
- SAMPSON, GEORGE O.,**  
 (Brown & Sampson).  
 Sandstrom, John, Owyhee bakery.  
 Sargent, Elmer, cook B.  
 Savage, John, shift boss P.  
 Schlank, George, mining.  
 Seaton, W. A., salesman Dave Adams.  
 Shaffer, David, teamster.  
 Shaub, Jno. A., miner.

- Shaw, James, miner C.  
 Shaw, Thomas, miner C.  
 Shea, J. D., miner T. D.  
 Shea, Patrick, miner.  
 Sheehan, Charles, miner.  
 Shimp, H. E., miner.  
 Shinnick, G., miner.  
 Shinnick, Morris, miner.  
 Shirley, William, miner.  
 Shokman, M., miner.  
**SHUB, LOUIS,**  
     American tailor.  
**SINCLAIR, D. C.,**  
     Manager Golden Rule store.  
 Slattery, Patrick, miner.  
 Smaill, W., timberman T. D.  
 Smith, Bert, miner.  
 Smith, Ed., miner.  
 Smith, Ed. G., miner.  
 Smith, James, miner.  
 Smith, James, miner.  
 Smith, James, miner.  
 Smith, James, miner.  
 Smith, James S., Deputy Sheriff.  
 Smith, John, miner.  
**SMITH, S. T. N.,**  
     Proprietor Idaho hotel.  
 Smoke, O. H., driver dairy.  
 Snell, John, miner.  
 Somas, A., miner.  
**LONG, LEE,**  
     Chinese store and wood.  
 Sorenson, Louis, miner.  
 Sotheren, R. G., miner.  
 Spencer, William, miner.  
 Spencer, William G., miner.  
 Stacy, J. S., miner.  
**STANLEY, WALTER,**  
     Hospital nurse.  
 Steack, William, miner.  
 Stevens, W. S., ranch.  
 Stephenson & Lloyd, groceries, etc.  
 Stevens, Al. F., miner.  
 Steward, J. A., miner.  
 Steward, James, miner.  
 Stewart, James, miner.  
 Stewart, William, miner.  
 Stoddard, George F., artist.  
 Stoddard, J. W., mining.  
 Stoner, J. Boyd, salesman City drug  
     store.
- STONER, S. A.,**  
     Mining.  
 Stowe, E. S., miner B.  
 Stratton, C. W., miner.  
 Stromblad, Patrick, engineer.  
 Stuart, E. F., engineer.  
 Sturdevant, J. C., engineer.  
 Sullivan, Dennis, miner.  
 Sullivan, Harry, miner.  
 Sullivan, John F., mining.  
 Sullivan, Thomas, miner.  
 Summers, W., B. mill.  
**SUN CHONG,**  
     Chinese and Japanese fancy goods.  
 Surig, John H., carpenter.  
 Sutton, T., millman.  
 Swanson, Otto, miner B.  
 Tatro, F. E., miner.  
 Thomas, Robert O., miner.  
 Thomas, William, engineer B. mill.  
**THOMPSON, E. A.,**  
     Clerk Idaho hotel.  
 Thompson, J. W., dairy.  
 Thurman, Fred, miner.  
 Tigue, W. F., miner.  
 Tippett, Moses, miner B.  
 Tolzi, A., miner.  
**TONG CHUNG LUNG,**  
     Star restaurant.  
 Tookie, James, miner.  
 Toos, W., miner.  
 Tonkin, W., miner.  
 Tordiff, John, electrician.  
**TOWNSEND, WILLIAM H.,**  
     Undertaker.  
 Tracy, F. E., stoves and tinware.  
**TRADE DOLLAR MINING & MILLING  
COMPANY,**  
     James Hutchinson, superintendent.  
 Trebelcock, Alfred, timberman Bl.  
 Tremewan, W. H., car T. D.  
 Tressiden, James, miner T. D.  
 Truax, A. B., carpenter.  
 Truscott, J., miner.  
 Tryhall, James, miner.  
**TURMES, JOHN,**  
     Silver City Meat Company.  
 Turner, Charles H., capitalist.  
 Tusze, William, miner.  
 Tryhall, James, miner.  
 Varker, J., miner.

- Venza, Ed., miner.  
 Vivian, H., miner.  
 Volkman, Frank H., miner.  
 Wagner, John, mill owner.  
 Walker, A. M., miner.  
 Walker, L. W., real estate.  
 Walton, W. C., miner.  
 Ward, Henry, stableman.  
 Ward, J. B., miner.  
 Ward, Morris, miner.  
 Ward, R. J., blacksmith.  
 Wardle, W., miner.  
**WAR EAGLE HOTEL,**  
 John Grete, proprietor.  
**WAR EAGLE SALOON,**  
 August Grete, proprietor.  
 Warner, Charles, ranch.  
 Warren, F. C., ranch.  
**WATTS, JAMES G.,**  
 Attorney at law.  
 Wear, Frank, miner.  
 Wear, S., miner.  
 Wear, William, miner.  
 Webb, C. T., miner C.  
 Webster, George R., miner.  
 Weeks, J. H., lumber.  
 Welch, Marion, barkeeper Idaho hotel.  
 Welen, James, miner.  
 Weldon, L. J., accountant Trade Dollar.  
 Weldon, J. G., car B.  
 Wennerstein, Ernst, miner.
- WESTON, J. N., M. D.,**  
 Physician and surgeon, County Coroner and Physician.  
 Whiteside, W. B., miner.  
 Whitney, W. H., millman.  
 Wickes, Captain G. B., miner.  
 Wiley, William, miner.  
 Williams, G. A., miner.  
 Williams, Henry, miner.  
 Williams, William, miner.  
 Williamson, W. C., miner.  
 Willenegger, C., miner.  
 Willenegger, E., miner.  
 Williams, W., miner.  
 Williams, W., miner.  
 Wilson, R. B., principal public school.  
 Winchester, Charles A., miner.  
 Winchester, George, expressman.  
 Wisner, S. L., painter.  
 Wogatke, Leo, miner.  
 Wolgemuth, Guston, barber.  
 Wood, C. E., millman.  
 Wood, F. E., salesman S. Heidelberger.  
 Woolcock, S., shift boss T. D.  
 Woolcock, —, miner.  
 Wright, Samuel, miner.  
 Wybloni, A., miner.  
 Wybloni, E., miner.  
 York, Frank G., foreman Owyhee Avalanche.  
**YORK, LEM. A.,**  
 Editor and proprietor Owyhee Avalanche.

### BLACK JACK DIRECTORY.

- Abernethy, A., woodchopper.  
 Albee, D. B., pans.  
 Anderson, John, trammer.  
 Anderson, R. B., battery.  
 Andretti, Fred, wood.  
 Armstrong, W. E., shift boss.  
 Austin, Charles, wood.  
 Bachman, Werner, miner.  
 Bachman, William, miner.  
 Balbi, A., wood.  
 Berg, Ole, miner.  
 Bowen, E. E., manager boarding house.  
 Buckle, Theo., miner.  
 Burch, D. W., woodchopper.  
 Byrnes, Ed., laborer.  
 Callow, Fred, woodchopper.  
 Carter, Andy, engineer.  
 Danielson, Charles, miner.  
 De Fonti, Lorenzo, wood.  
 Doherty, Malcolm, blacksmith.  
 Doherty, Myles, blacksmith.  
 Evans, E. R., miner.

- Fox, N. D., engineer.  
 Frazer, John, blacksmith.  
 Gallagher, Mike, shift boss.  
 Goodfellow, David L., miner.  
 Graham, A. D., pan.  
 Gray, W. H., miner.  
 Hagler, William L., miner.  
 Handy, Ray, trammer.  
 Hart, N. S., woodchopper.  
 Haug, Bert, assayer and accountant.  
 Haug, Frank, trammer.  
 Hawkinson, Henry, miner.  
 Haydin, N. G., miner.  
 Heazel, George, pan.  
 Henderson, Joseph, miner.  
 Hogan, James, miner.  
 Holland, Charles, miner.  
 Holland, Jack, miner.  
 Holland, Joe, miner.  
 Hultgren, Andy, carman.  
 Hunt, S. E., woodchopper.  
 Hutchins, Joseph, miner.
- IDAHO AND PITTSBURG MINING & MILLING COMPANY,**  
 Headquarters Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Frederic Irwin, superintendent.
- Inglis, Fred, engineer.  
 Inglis, James, foreman mill.
- IRWIN, FREDERIC**  
 Superintendent I. & P. M. & M. Co., and consulting engineer Poorman Gold Mines, Ld.
- Jenson, Joseph, wood.  
 Jewell, E. D., woodchopper.  
 Johnson, Andy, miner.  
 Johnson, Oscar, miner.  
 Jones, William L., engineer.  
 Kus, R. R., blacksmith.  
 Lawrence, Frank, miner.  
 Lennon, John, miner.  
 Linder, Thomas, woodchopper.  
 Liner, John, miner.  
 Lindgren, John, miner.  
 Lindquist, John, miner.  
 Lonsdale, C. V., miner.  
 Loofquist, John, miner.  
 Lund, Oscar, miner.  
 McBride, John, miner.  
 McDonald, D. T., teamster.
- McGough, Ed., pan.  
 McGough, John, miner.  
 McKay, James, miner.  
 McKelvey, M. H., miner.  
 McLean, L., miner.  
 McLeod, R. H., miner.  
 Main, Aleck, miner.  
 Martz, Al., timberman.  
 Mattenson, J. B., foreman mine.  
 Mayland, Gunder, miner.  
 Mockler, Thomas, miner.  
 Munson, H., wood.  
 Nelson, Isaac, miner.  
 Nelson, J. E., miner.  
 Nelson, Nils, miner.  
 Nettleton, V. F., carpenter.  
 Nolan, C., miner.  
 Norman, W. C., woodchopper.  
 Norton, Richard, miner.  
 Nylund, John, miner.  
 Owen, T. D., woodchopper.  
 Page, Ed., pans.  
 Palmer Bros., wood and mining.  
 Patini, Joseph, wood.  
 Patterson, Alex., miner.  
 Pearson, John, miner.  
 Pearson, Nils, miner.  
 Peterson, William, battery.  
 Pinana, John, woodchopper.  
 Powell, G. F., miner.  
 Pringey, Z. C., engineer.  
 Pritchard, Lewis, miner.  
 Rogers, M. M., miner.  
 Rood, Henry, miner.  
 Rood, Magnus, miner.  
 Roos, Gus., miner.  
 Ross, John A., trammer.  
 Russell, Bart, miner.  
 Ryan, James T., miner.  
 Schlatter, George A., miner.  
 Shea, Tim., miner.  
 Silva, Foster, miner.  
 Smith, Eric, timberman.  
 Smith, Peter, miner.  
 Stewart, William, mail carrier.  
 Strombold, Patrick, engineer.  
 Sullivan, John, miner.  
 Sullivan, John F., mining.  
 Tomkins, Miss Ida, waitress.

Thomas, John R., foreman Booneville mine.	Wennerstein, Andy, miner.
Thurman, F., pans.	West, L., woodchopper.
Waller, John, miner.	Williams, E., trammer.
Walker, Robert H., timberman.	Wolverton, Fred, general store.
Warneck, E. F., miner.	Wolverton, Walter, miner.
	Wyley, William, miner.



*Golden Rule Store, Silver City.*

The Golden Rule store, of Silver City, of which Mr. David C. Sinclair is the manager, and which was established April 1, 1897, has exemplified one of

the main principles of the "Golden Rule," which is to live and let live, believing the policy of quick sales and small profits, strictly for cash, to be the keynote of commercial success, and in order to accomplish this result, the firm is a member of the Golden Rule syndicate, a combination of several firms, who, by seeking the fountain heads of commerce and purchasing in large quantities, are enabled to obtain the best goods at low-down prices, and thereby let their customers reap the benefit of their combined experience, capital and business advantage.

The Golden Rule store has continually on hand a large and varied stock of dry and fancy goods, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, clothing, boots and shoes, all of latest styles and patterns, at prices below all competition.

### ***DE LAMAR.***

The town of De Lamar is prettily nestled in a cluster of hills, prominent among which is the De Lamar mountain, distant sixty miles from the capital, Boise City, and nine miles from the county seat, Silver City. It is lighted electrically, and supplied with telegraphic and telephonic communications with the outer world. The town is located on the banks of Jordan creek, famous in



*De Lamar, Idaho—Upper Town.*

the early history of Owyhee county, the approaches of the town being lined with well-built residences. In the center of the town is located the plant of the De Lamar Mining Company, Ltd., consisting of mill buildings, department shops, offices, hotel and bunk houses, and surrounded by the principal mercantile houses. A little further on, still within the hearing of the hum of industry, is another branch of the town, called by the residents "Tough Town," which in mercantile activity fully equals that of the town proper. From there the road to Oregon is skirted by the residences of ranchers, teamsters, milk dealers and woodmen, with here and there an occasional evidence of mining industry, such as the Henrietta mill, Jones' mill, and John Scales' mill, at Wagontown.



*De Lamar, Idaho—Lower Town.*

The earliest settlement was at old Wagontown, located about two miles below the center of the town of De Lamar, which was a road station on the stage line running from Silver City to Winnemucca, Nev.

The first mine was located by J. W. Stoddard, which was afterwards patented, and is now a portion of the De Lamar group. John A. Wilson was the discoverer of the Wilson mine, which forms the nucleus of the De Lamar group. He disposed of his properties in September, 1888, to Captain De Lamar, who subsequently purchased the Sommercamp and Lepley claims. Captain De Lamar vigorously developed his properties, erecting mill, hotel, and other necessary buildings. Peter Adams opened a boarding house, and

Tom Jones, John Arvidson, Lewis Walker and others erected buildings, and 1890 found the town in a booming condition, and with a good-sized future. Montie B. Gwinn, of Caldwell, and others, opened a general merchandise store, under the name of the De Lamar Mercantile Company, which is now being carried on by Isay & Gombrig.

In the early part of 1891, Captain De Lamar disposed of his entire interests to the De Lamar Mining Company, Limited, an incorporated company of London, England, who have since their inception made many substantial improvements, besides erecting a substantial hotel, with first-class appointments, taking the place of the one erected by Captain De Lamar, which was



*Scales' Tailing Reservoirs and Mill at Wagontown.*

destroyed by fire; and it is largely due to the unceasing application of the resident managers that the company possesses a plant whose standard of excellence is unexcelled by that of any mining company in this portion of the West.

The claims of the De Lamar company, numbering about forty, are located on De Lamar mountain, and in the vicinity are located the Big I, Silver Vault, Garfield, Lepley, and many other promising mining properties, which are being exploited with excellent results.

The De Lamar hotel, owned by the mining company, is under the able management of S. H. Hanes, who is ever courteously solicitous for the welfare of the wayfarer.

The principal mercantile houses are: Isay & Gombrig, dealers in general merchandise, with a branch at Silver City; Dr. J. J. Plumer, drugs; R. S. Hawes, groceries, etc.; George T. McCabe, groceries; Owyhee Meat Company; People's meat market; Frank Crosson, general merchandise; Barkle Bros., dealers in wines and liquors; Scott & McCain, livery stable; and many others, whom space does not permit us to mention.

The public schools are in a flourishing condition, under excellent supervision, with a membership of about 150 pupils.

A flourishing miners' union, a lodge of Odd Fellows, with a Rebekah lodge, comprise the secret organizations, and the welfare of the town is generally looked after by the De Lamar Nugget, a spicy and entertaining newspaper, started in May, 1891, by Lamb & York, and which is still ably edited by Judge Lamb.

#### ***DELAMAR MINING COMPANY, Limited,***

Was incorporated in March, 1891, under the laws of Great Britain, with a nominal capital of 400,000 shares of £1 each.

The principal officers of the company are: Francis Muir, Esq., of London, chairman board of directors; Charles Pakeman, Esq., of London, secretary board of directors; D. B. Huntley, resident manager; E. V. Orford, accountant and resident assistant manager; and Thomas Davey, mine foreman.

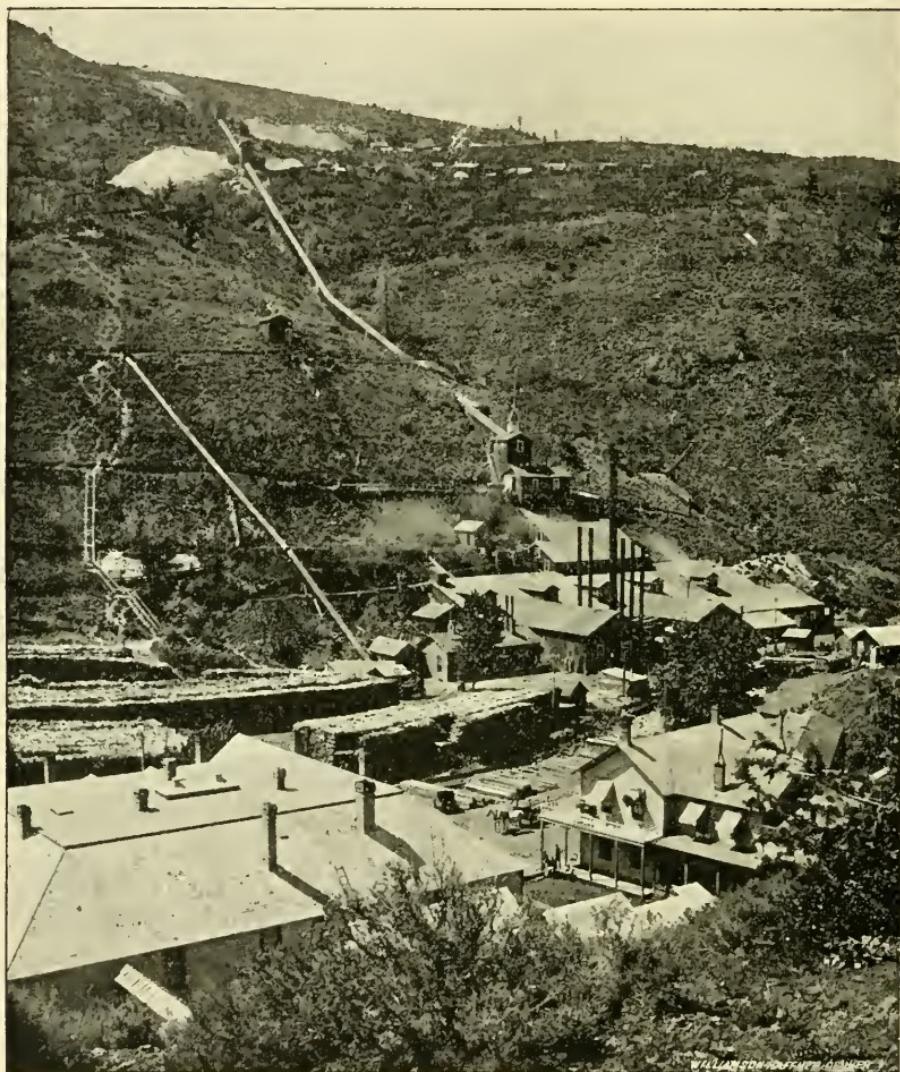
The company are the owners of about forty mining claims and millsites, mostly patented, and situated at the town of De Lamar. These several groups of mines were located in the eighties, and in 1887 were purchased of the original owners by Captain J. R. De Lamar, who in the early part of 1891 disposed of them to the De Lamar Mining Company, Ltd., the purchase price, it is said, being about \$2,000,000.00.

The working openings of the mines embrace about six miles, and the main workings of the property extend 700 feet in vertical depth; and beyond this an incline shaft is now being sunk for prospecting purposes.

A three-rail gravity tramway, about 2,300 feet in length, connects the mines with the mill, which is a pan-amalgamation plant, equipped with forty stamps, twenty-eight pans, etc., and has a capacity of treating 150 tons of ore daily. Connected with this mill is a fifty-ton plant of the Pelaton-Clerici cyanide process. These mills are run by a Corliss engine of 250 horse power, and for about three months in the spring of the year the water power is utilized by means of a six-foot Pelton water wheel.

The plant owned by the company is the most complete one in this section of the country, consisting of hotel and office buildings, store houses, department shops, mill, assay buildings, bunk and boarding houses, tramways, etc., and is covered by an insurance of fully \$125,000.00. The company also carries a large stock of wood and other material, and duplicates of machinery, in which there is a large amount invested.

The mills and mines give employment to about 200 men, there being no interruption to the work, except on prominent holidays.



*De Lamar Mining Company, Limited, De Lamar.*

The energy and perseverance of the local managers, together with the liberal support of the home management, has placed this company in the foremost rank of the best mining properties of the West, and the gross output since the organization of the company to date amounts to over \$5,000,000.00.

Mr. Dwight B. Huntley, resident manager of the De Lamar Mining Company, Limited, at De Lamar, Idaho, was born in Utica, New York, January 17, 1850. In 1852 his parents came west and located at Grass Valley, California, where he spent his boyhood. He received his schooling in San Francisco, California, and graduated in 1875 at the University of California, and subsequently, two years later, took a post-graduate course at the same university, in mining, metallurgy and chemistry. For several years he was engaged in surveying, assaying and milling, for various companies in Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, South America and British Columbia, and was also connected with the United States geological survey in Utah.

In October, 1896, he was appointed resident manager of the De Lamar Mining Company, which position he at present occupies, and not alone is he held in high honor and respect in the community in which he resides, but in mining circles is spoken of as a conservative, talented and capable manager.

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Mr. E. V. Orford, accountant and resident assistant manager of the De Lamar Mining Company at De Lamar, Idaho, was born in Birmingham, England, February 14, 1855. He graduated at Christ's hospital, London, in 1870, and then entered the offices of the "chartered accountants," remaining there about eleven years. In 1881 he came to America, and was engagd in various pursuits until 1888, when he returned to England, where he remained until 1892, when he was appointed accountant of the De Lamar Mining Company, and came to De Lamar, and subsequently received the appointment of resident assistant manager.

#### **MINERS' UNION OF DE LAMAR.**

The Miners' Union of De Lamar is the oldest existing branch of the W. F. of M. in Owyhee county, and was organized on April 18, 1896, the first officers installed being: President, J. J. Bennett; vice-president, Thomas Duncalf; recording secretary, Samuel Honey; financial secretary, Ed. Wood; treasurer, William Cayzer; conductor, Charles Morris; warden, William Brasher; trustees, James H. Rodda, Fred Tyacke, John Pascoe, Richard Temby and Henry Warren.

Since its organization the Miners' Union of De Lamar has paid out in benefits to members and their families some \$4,000.00; and, aside from its social features, has been ever the means of maintaining the harmonious feeling which exists between the De Lamar company and its employes. Its present membership amounts to 150, all in good standing. Its financial affairs are in a flourishing condition, and the great good it has accomplished in De Lamar is acknowledged by all. The present officers are: President, W. H. Smith; vice-president, Thomas Duncalf; recording secretary, William Honey; financial secretary, J. H. W. Roberts; treasurer, Samuel Gregory; conductor, John Kitchen; warden, Henry Newman; trustees, Joseph Prout, William Brasher, William Bird, J. A. Roberts and Archie Warren.

**DE LAMAR DIRECTORY.****ADAMS, PETER,**

Mining.

Allison, Oliver, miner.

Alway, George M., printer De Lamar  
Nugget.

Anderson, Benjamin, woodchopper.

Andrews, E. C., miner.

Angelo, P., wood.

Arbuckle, Charles H., capitalist.

Arvidson &amp; Peterson, saloon.

Arvidson, John, (Arvidson &amp; Peterson).

Athearn, P. D., teamster.

Austin, W. H., miner.

**BACHELER, C. D.,**

Wood and dairy.

Ball, W., car D. L. M.

Ball, William, teamster.

Baker, J. J., tailor.

Banfield, Eli, miner D. L. M.

Banks, W. B., car D. L. M.

**BARKLE BROS.,**

Saloon.

**BARKLE, SAMUEL,**

(Barkle Bros.).

**BARKLE, WILLIAM,**

(Barkle Bros.).

Barnes, W. T., tank D. L. mill.

Barry, John, car D. L. M.

Bartlett, George, car D. L. M.

Baxter, Joseph P., tank D. L. mill.

**BEERS & COLBORN,**

Wholesale and retail butchers.

Beers, D. C., corral.

Beers, W. P., (Beers &amp; Colborn).

Belmont, L., miner D. L. M.

Bennett, E. G., retort D. L. M.

Bennett, Henry, miner.

Bennett, James, mining.

Bennett, J. J., State Senator.

Berry, J., miner.

Best, W., engineer D. L. M.

Bidwell, S. P., crusher D. L. mill.

Big I Mining Company, W. W. Fisk,  
superintendent.

Bird, William, miner D. L. M.

Blackwell, A., miner D. L. M.

Blackwell, J., miner D. L. M.

Blaker, C. E., engineer D. L. M.

Blaker, Mrs. J. L., boarding house.

Block, F., tank D. L. mill.

Bloom, M. W., miner D. L. M.

Blore, S. G., miner.

Bowden, Walter A., foreman D. L. mill.

Bowden, William, miner D. L. M.

Bond, George, car D. L. M.

Bond, William, car D. L. M.

Brasher, J. C., miner.

Brasher, William, (Brasher &amp; Miller).

Breman, Ed., car D. L. M.

Brisbois, S., vaquero.

Brookshier, J., laborer D. L. M.

Brown, Joseph C., chop house.

Brownhill, William, fruits and confec-  
tionery.**BRUCE, GEORGE W.,**

(Owyhee Meat Company).

Bryant, G. H., miner D. L. M.

Bullin, A., fireman D. L. M.

Burnett, W. T., car D. L. M.

Burroughs, D. H., wood.

Burt, A. S., miner.

Burton, B., miner.

Caldwell, H., miner D. L. M.

Camble, D. J., repairer D. L. mill.

Campbell, D. J., engineer D. L. M.

Campbell, G., car D. L. M.

Cantwell, J. G., office assistant D. L.  
M. Co.

Carpenter, C., miner, D. L. M.

Carpenter, D., miner D. L. M.

Carrolin, J., car D. L. M.

Cartewh, Charles, miner D. L. M.

Catterson, J. W., miner D. L. M.

Catterson, Scott, miner.

Cavanah, F. P., assayer D. L. M.

Chary, C. C., miner.

Clark, Fred, miner D. L. M.

Clark, John, miner D. L. M.

**C. O. & I. STAGE CO.,**

J. J. Davis, superintendent.

Cook, George J., machinist D. L. mill.

- Cock, George, miner D. L. M.  
 Cock, J. W., timberman D. L. M.  
 Cogar, J., toolsharpener D. L. M.  
**COLBORN, MARK,**  
 (Beers & Colborn).  
 Comegys, E. O., miner.  
 Condy, Fred, miner.  
**CONNORS, J. C.,**  
 (Owyhee Meat Company).  
 Connors, J. J., vats P. C. mill.  
 Conroy, J. F., butcher.  
 Cope, W. F., miner.  
 Corliss, F., fireman D. L. mill.  
 Cosby, John, D. L. hotel.  
 Cowan, James, miner.  
 Cox, J. W., miner.  
 Cronin, B., wood.  
 Crosson, Frank, dealer in general merchandise.  
 Crosson, J., fireman D. L. mill.  
 Cummings, J., painter.  
 Cundy, E., carman.  
 Cundy, Fred, miner D. L. M.  
 Curnon, C., miner.  
 Davis, H. J., miner.  
**DAVIS, J. J.,**  
 Superintendent C.O. & I. Stage Co.  
 Davis, W., mining.  
 Davy, Thomas, foreman D. L. M.  
 Davy, Thomas, Jr., miner D. L. M.  
**DE LAMAR HOTEL,**  
 S. H. Hanes, manager.  
**DE LAMAR MINING CO., LTD.,**  
 Manager, D. B. Huntley; assistant manager, E. V. Orford.  
**DE LAMAR NUGGET,**  
 John Lamb, editor and proprietor.  
 Doherty, James, miner.  
 Downs, J. S., miner D. L. M.  
 Downs, Mike, miner D. L. M.  
 Drew, Edward, miner D. L. M.  
 Duncaff, Tom, miner D. L. M.  
 Duncan, Alexander, miner.  
 Duncan, J., miner D. L. M.  
 Dunstan, J. H., tanks D. L. mill.  
 Durant, J. C., Seales' mill.  
 Earle, H., miner.  
 Eichelberger, L., miner D. L. M.  
 Elliott, Albert, teamster.  
**ELLISON, W. H.,**  
 Scales' mill.  
 Emhiser, Frank, ranchhand.  
 Endor, Joseph, miner.  
 Ennor, N., miner D. L. M.  
 Eustice, J., miner D. L. M.  
 Evanston, R. C., P. C. mill.  
 Ewing, Jackson E., teamster.  
 Fannin, Arthur, accountant.  
 Farrel, Chris, saloon.  
 Faull, Edward, car D. L. M.  
 Fisk, W. W., superintendent Big I mine.  
 Folsom, L. B., teamster.  
**FORNEY, CHARLES,**  
 Proprietor D. L. & S. C. Stage Co.  
 Forshee, G. B., miner Big I mine.  
 Fowler, William, miner D. L. M.  
 Francisco, B., miner D. L. M.  
 Franks, Mrs. M. C., restaurant.  
 French, Joseph, clerk D. L. hotel.  
 Giacomello, M., wood.  
 Gibson, J. W., tailor.  
 Givens, Richard, blacksmith.  
 Glasson, C., miner D. L. M.  
 Goad, Henry, miner D. L. M.  
 Goad, James, miner D. L. M.  
**GOMBRIG, RALPH,**  
 (Isay & Gombrig).  
 Grant, John, barkeeper.  
 Granville, Mrs. Thomas, manager Muir boarding house.  
 Green, W., teamster.  
 Greenfell, E. A., miner.  
 Gregory, Samuel G., miner D. L. M.  
 Gundry, Joseph, miner D. L. M.  
 Gundry, S., blacksmith D. L. M.  
 Gundry, Sim., car D. L. M.  
 Haggerty, C. E., miner.  
 Haggerty, Joseph N., car D. L. M.  
 Hains, James, wood.  
 Hall, J. M., stationery, confectionery, etc.  
 Hall, J. N., blacksmith.  
 Hall, T., blacksmith D. L. mill.  
 Hall, Matt, blacksmith B. T. M.  
 Hambly, Mrs. Sarah, boarding house.  
 Hamm, J., blacksmith D. L. M.  
 Hammond, John, laborer.  
 Hancock, John, storekeeper D. L. M. Co.  
 Hancock, William, shift boss D. L. M.

**HANES, S. H.,**

Manager De Lamar hotel.  
 Hanna, W. W., miner.  
 Harrington, E., teamster.  
 Harris, J. D., miner D. L. M.  
 Harris, W. J., miner D. L. M.  
 Harrison, W., miner.  
 Hatfield, A. F., carpenter.  
 Hawes, F., miner D. L. M.  
 Hawes, N., helper D. L. mill.

**HAWES, R. S.,**

Groceries, etc.

Hawes, Thomas, restaurant.  
 Hayden, C. N., teamster.  
 Hayes, D., miner D. L. M.  
 Hayes, R. C., tank D. L. mill.  
 Haynes, L. C., barber shop.  
 Heazel, Alfred, car D. L. M.  
 Heazel, John B., car D. L. M.  
 Helm, W. R., clerk Isay & Gombrig.  
 Helsmiere, Henry, assayer B. I. M.  
 Henderson, Robert, miner.  
 Henderson, William, wood.  
 Heymanson, B., varieties.  
 Heers, Dr. S. F., dentist.  
 Hicks, Charles, miner.  
 Hocking, E., engineer D. L. M.  
 Hocking, W., miner D. L. M.  
 Hocking, W. J., miner D. L. M.  
 Holcomb, A. S., teamster.  
 Holston, W., rancher.  
 Honey, William, miner D. L. M.  
 Hooper, J., car D. L. M.  
 Hore, J., vats P. C. mill.  
 Horrace, William, car D. L. M.  
 Hoskins, C., miner D. L. M.  
 Houston, H., battery D. L. mill.  
 Howard, H., laborer.  
 Hummel, E., miner D. L. M.

**HUNTLEY, D. B.,**

General manager D. L. M. Co.  
 Iles, Samuel, waiter D. L. hotel.

**ISAY & GOMBRIG,**

General merchandise.

**ISAY, JULIUS,**

(Isay & Gombrig).

Ivor, George, teamster.

Jane, W. J., miner.

James, Thomas, miner D. L. M.

Jeffery, R., carpenter D. L. M.

Jeffries, David, miner.

Jolly, F., miner D. L. M.

Joms, S., miner.

**JONES, T. W.,**

Carpenter.

Jones, W. B., clerk Isay & Gombrig.

Junior, A., miner.

Kent, James, miner.

Kelloran, J. H., miner.

Keltner, M., wood.

Keogh, John, miner.

Kinsman, A. A., miner.

Kinsman, R., miner.

Kitchen, John, miner.

Kitchen, W. J., miner D. L. M.

Knapp, C., miner D. L. M.

Lake, Harry, waiter.

**LAMB, JOHN,**

Justice of the Peace, notary public,  
 and proprietor D. L. Nugget.

Lang, John, engineer D. L. M.

Langford, Joseph P., miner D. L. M.

Larson, Joseph, wood.

Lawson, C. C., contractor.

Lawrence, John, miner.

Lawrence, S., miner D. L. M.

Lee, James, car D. L. M.

Lee, W., tank D. L. mill.

Leisure, Socrates, miner.

Lepley, Frank, mining.

Lloyd, I., pan D. L. mill.

Logue, John, mining.

McAuley, E. H., pan D. L. mill.

McAvenue, Thomas, butcher.

McCabe, George T., general merchandise.

McCandless, D. C., confectioner, etc.

**McCAIN, THOMAS J.,**

(Scott & McCain).

McCleery, E., repairer D. L. mill.

McCauley, E., millman.

McDonald, A., barkeeper.

McDougall, A., boots and shoes.

McDougall, D., vats P. C. mill.

McGuirt, John, miner D. L. M.

McIntyre, Charles, ranch.

McIntyre, Joseph, ranch.

McKay, D., miner D. L. M.

McLaughlin, F., miner D. L. M.

McLaughlin, J., miner D. L. M.

- McLeod, Alexander, miner.  
 McMillan, R., carpenter D. L. M.  
 McNee, R., miner.  
 Madison, James, miner B. I. M.  
 Madison, Martin, miner B. I. M.  
 Magann, J. W., miner.  
 Marsh, P. W., wood.  
 Martin, Edward, miner D. L. M.  
 Martin, W. A., miner.  
 May, R., miner.  
 Menafee, James W., prospector.  
 Mildred, A., engineer D. L. mill.  
 Miles, John, miner D. L. M.  
 Miles, Michael, miner D. L. M.  
 Miller, George, miner D. L. M.  
 Miller, S. H., (Brasher & Miller).  
 Miller, William, miner D. L. M.  
 Mills, Mrs. Ezra, boarding house.  
 Milne, J. B., miner.  
 Minear, J., car D. L. M.  
 Mingo, S., car D. L. M.  
 Mitchell, J., foreman B. I. M.  
 Mitchell, J. A., miner.  
 Mitchell, J. T., miner B. I. M.  
 Mitchell, William, miner D. L. M.  
 Molloy, Bob, prospector.  
 Moody, Joel, assistant Dr. Plummer.  
 Morcom, Henry, miner D. L. M.  
 Morcom, J. H., miner.  
 Morrison, J. D., miner.  
 Morgan, E. H., lodgings.  
 Morse, C. F., car D. L. M.  
 Morse, J. P., teamster.  
 Moss, Edward, lunch counter.  
 Munson, Henry, teamster.  
 Munter, Herman, miner.  
 Munyon, W., miner.  
 Napier, James L., mining.  
 Navarro, J., wood.  
 Nelson, Carl, ranch.  
 Nelson, Paul, car D. L. M.  
 Nelson, Vick, car D. L. M.  
 Nelson, W., battery D. L. mill.  
 Newcomb, Guy, journalist.  
 Newman, Henry, miner.  
 Newman, M. H., car D. L. M.  
 Nichols, George, ranch.  
 Nicholas, T. F., miner.  
 Ninnis, Thomas, prospector.  
 Nixon, Nicholas, carpenter.  
 Norton, Charles II., miner.  
 Norwick, William, miner.  
 Notter, H. E., car D. L. M.  
 Noyes, T. W., miner.  
 O'Brien, Maurice, miner.  
 O'Neill, J. J., miner D. L. M.  
 Olsen, Ira, miner.  
 Orford, E. V., assistant manager and  
     accountant D. L. M. Co.  
 Osborne, John, miner D. L. M.  
**OWYHEE MEAT CO.,**  
     Conners & Bruce, proprietors.  
 Panama, R., wood.  
 Parleme, A., wood.  
 Parr, Lambert, blacksmith.  
 Parsons, N., pans'D. L. mill.  
 Parsons, W., miner.  
 Pascoe, James, Deputy Sheriff and Con-  
     stable.  
 Pascoe, J., timberman D. L. M.  
 Patterson, W. H., laborer.  
 Paul, Elijah, miner.  
 Paull, James, miner.  
 Paulding, J., pan D. L. mill.  
 Peterson, Henry H., (Arvidson & Peter-  
     son).  
 Peterson, Henry, rancher.  
 Phillips, James, miner D. L. M.  
 Phillips, William, car D. L. M.  
 Pickens, J., tank D. L. mill.  
 Pim, R., vats P. C. mill.  
 Plumer, Dr. J. J., druggist and physi-  
     cian D. L. M. Co.  
 Plummer, William, surveyor D. L. M.  
     Co.  
 Porter, D. C., car D. L. M.  
 Powers, Harry, waiter.  
 Prosser, Amos, miner.  
 Prout, F., engineer D. L. mill.  
 Prout, J., miner D. L. M.  
 Quick, R., car D. L. M.  
 Randall, O. O., miner.  
 Randall, Thomas P., miner.  
 Rasner, George W., miner.  
 Reagan, J., tank D. L. mill.  
 Reger, Albert, miner.  
 Reger, G., car D. L. M.  
 Richards, James, car D. L. M.

- Richards, Michael, miner D. L. M.  
 Richardson, W. P., saw mill.  
 Roberts, Charles W., miner.  
 Roberts, Fred, miner D. L. M.  
 Roberts, J. A., miner D. L. M.  
 Roberts, J. H. W., car D. L. M.  
 Rodda, Charles, miner D. L. M.  
 Rodda, J. H., miner D. L. M.  
 Rodda, Samuel, miner D. L. M.  
 Rowe, George, miner D. L. M.  
 Rowe, J. S., miner D. L. M.  
 Rowe, R. J., brake D. L. M.  
 Rowett, J. W., watchmaker.  
 Rumiser, C. D., ranch.  
 Sanders, John, engineer B. I. M.  
 Sandkuhl, A., ore-bin D. L. M.  
 Sampson, William, barkeeper.  
 Scadden, Samuel, miner.  
**SCALES, JOHN,**  
 Mill owner.  
 Scoble, Fred, miner D. L. M.  
**SCOTT & McCAIN,**  
 Livery stables.  
**SCOTT, HENRY,**  
 (Scott & McCain).  
 Scott, J. H., foreman P. C. mill.  
 Scott, William, miner.  
 Shea, Tim, County Commissioner.  
 Simmons, Charles, miner.  
 Simonis, James, stableman.  
 Simonis, Joseph, stableman.  
 Sims, J. L., miner D. L. M.  
 Skoveren, John, miner.  
 Slattery, John, wood.  
 Slattery, John F., wood.  
 Slattery, William, saloon.  
 Slaughter, W. H., pan D. L. mill.  
 Smitchger, L., P. C. mill.  
 Smith, John, car D. L. M.  
 Smith, William, miner.  
 Smith, W. H., miner D. L. M.  
**SOMERVILLE, DAVID,**  
 Blacksmith and wheelwright.  
 Sotheren, Mrs. A. R., manager Muir  
     boarding house.  
 Sotheren, A. R., miner.  
 Souders, John, engineer.  
 Sowden, Thomas, miner D. L. M.  
 Spangler, E., shift boss D. L. M.  
 Stanton, John, blacksmith.  
 Stephens, Henry, miner D. L. M.  
 Stewart, Charles, blacksmith.  
 Stewart, Charles, miner.  
 Stillwell, R. J., barkeeper.  
 Stimpson, Fred D., miner.  
 Stimpson, John H., miner.  
 Stoap, Ernst, car B. I. M.  
 Stoddard, W. J., postmaster.  
 Suiter, E., battery D. L. mill.  
 Swan, George, butcher.  
 Swisher, Frank, milk dealer.  
 Tallon, A., miner D. L. M.  
 Taylor, N., pan D. L. mill.  
 Teague, W. H., miner D. L. M.  
 Temby, R., timberman D. L. M.  
 Temby, W., miner D. L. M.  
 Thomas, R., miner.  
 Thomas, A. W., miner D. L. M.  
 Thomas, John, miner D. L. M.  
 Thomas, J. L., miner.  
 Thomas, R. R., car D. L. M.  
 Thomas, W., crusher D. L. mill.  
 Tolnin, J., miner.  
 Tolnin, W., teamster.  
 Toy, John, miner D. L. M.  
 Tressider, Thomas H., miner.  
 Trevarthan, Thomas, miner D. L. M.  
 Truran, John, miner D. L. M.  
 Underwood, E. T., teamster.  
 Uren, J., shift boss D. L. M.  
 Uren, Charles, miner D. L. M.  
 Uren, Samuel, miner D. L. M.  
 Van Cleane, T. B., miner D. L. M.  
 Van Wie, A. J., miner.  
 Varcoe, E., timberman D. L. M.  
 Varcoe, George, miner D. L. M.  
 Varcoe, James, miner D. L. M.  
 Varcoe, W., miner D. L. M.  
 Varker, John, miner D. L. M.  
 Vincent, Dow, rancher.  
 Wadish, Albert J., teamster.  
 Waggoner, A. L., barber shop.  
 Warren, A., miner D. L. M.  
 Warren, H. W., miner D. L. M.  
 Warren, S. J., miner.  
 Waters, J., tank D. L. mill.  
 Watros, C. L., miner.  
 Webb, T. H., miner.

- Wells, R., miner D. L. M.  
 West, Lorenzo, teamster.  
 Westerby, Henry, capitalist.  
 Weston, Charles H., barkeeper.  
 White, Patrick, capitalist.  
 Whittenberg, S., teamster.  
 Wickett, William, engineer D. L. M.  
 Wilcox, B. D., carpenter D. L. M.  
 Wilcox, J., miner D. L. M.  
 Williams, A., miner D. L. M.  
 Williams, F. W., miner D. L. M.  
 Williams, George, miner D. L. M.  
 Williams, W., miner.  
 Wills, Bert, miner D. L. M.  
 Wills, C., track D. L. M.  
 Wilson, John A., prospector.  
 Wilson, Joseph G., miner.  
 Wilson, W. A., tank D. L. mill.  
 Winder, Thomas, miner.  
 Winston, Elijah, miner.  
 Winter, C. S., laborer D. L. M.  
 Wright, Samuel, miner.

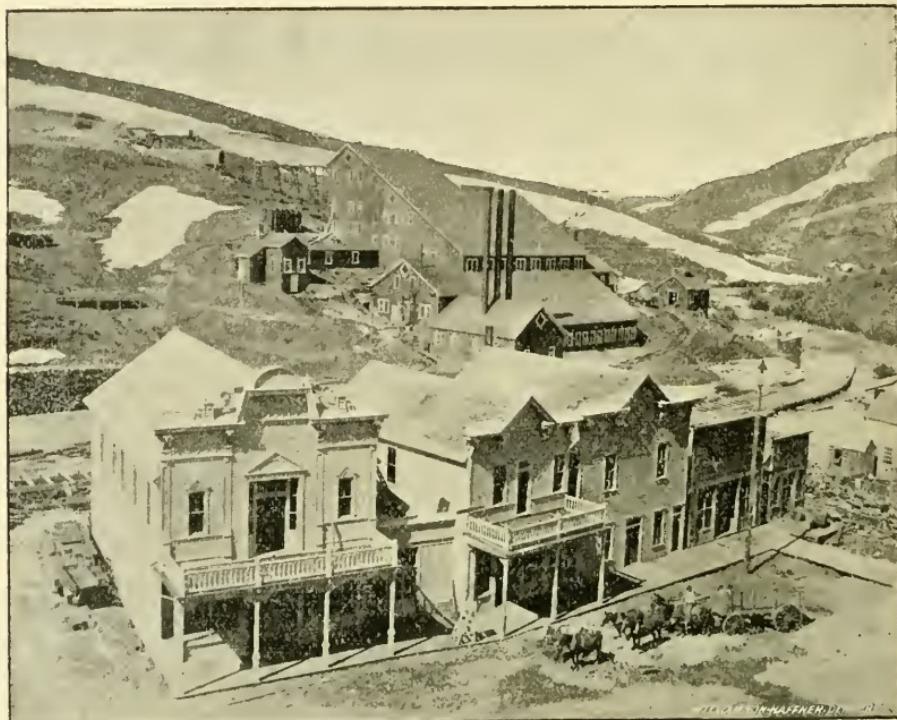
### **DEWEY.**

The town of Booneville was first settled in the summer of 1863, the first inhabitant being Captain Boone, from whom the town was named. For a time the town enjoyed a large population, and was in a very prosperous condition;



*Hotel and Superintendent's Residence, Dewey.*

but subsequently fell into decay, and for a good many years was simply a stopping place for wayfarers, stages and teamsters, the only building of prominence being the old Booneville hotel.



*MILL, STORES, ETC., DEWEY.*

In the spring of 1896, the hotel and surrounding property was purchased by Colonel W. H. Dewey, and operations were at once set on foot for the improvement of the town.

During the summer of 1896, the Florida M. & M. Co. erected a twenty-stamp mill, which is by far one of the largest and best equipped in the West.

The Hotel Dewey was also erected, a large and commodious building, whose appointments and architectural structure are unequaled by any hotel in the state. The building is of the "Southern hotel" order, three stories in height, surmounted by a large cupola, and fronted with a double portico. The building is thirty by sixty feet, with an "L" of thirty by seventy-eight feet. To the left of the hall are the bar rooms, card rooms and store rooms, the bar fittings being very elaborate, and unexcelled in this section of the country. To the right of the hall are the offices, reading room, billiard room and wash room. The hall terminates with the dining room and kitchen, and the upper stories are devoted to parlors and rooms single and en suite, elegantly furnished with

inodern style furniture, equal to that of any caravansary on the coast. In the third story is a large hall, completely fitted up for theatricals, dances and other amusements. The hotel is heated by steam heating apparatus of the latest pattern, and lighted by an electrical plant supplied by the mill, and the sanitary and sewerage conditions are as perfect as can be made by labor and science.

Adjoining the hotel are the offices of the Florida M. & M. Co., and the residence of the superintendent, both of which are of modern design, artistic structure and substantial erection.

Facing the hotel, several substantial buildings have been erected, viz., general store, butcher shop, steam laundry, barber shop, variety store, post office, livery stable and barn, etc., and in the upper part of the store building is a large hall, fitted up for lodge rooms, assemblages, etc.

The water facilities and fire system of the town are the best to be found in any mining camp this side of the Rocky mountains, the water being piped from natural springs located nearly two miles from the town, and conveyed to tanks having a capacity of 1,500 barrels, situated at an elevation of about 350 feet on the hill east of the hotel, giving a pressure of about 240 pounds to the square inch through a four-inch main, to 12 fire plugs located in different parts of the town; and thereby securing for the town an almost complete immunity from fire.

There has also been constructed an ice house and slaughter house, and, in fact, nothing has been neglected in the way of making the town complete as to conveniences for its inhabitants, as well as an illustration of what can be done by applied energy and industry.

In the spring of '97, through the efforts of Colonel Dewey, a post office was established, and the name of the town changed to "Dewey," in compliment to its founder, and Mr. James Gartland, the genial accountant of the F. M. & M. Co., and affable manager of the Hotel Dewey, received the appointment of postmaster.

The town of Dewey is located at the base of Florida mountain, and in easy distance of all the principal mining properties located on that mountain, and is also the terminal point of the B. N. & O. R. R. Company, now in course of construction.

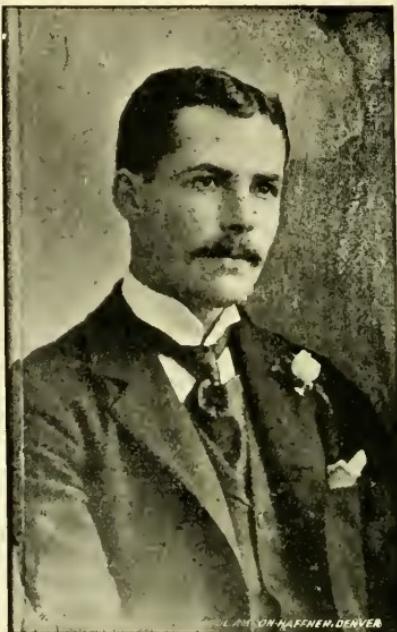
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Mr. Edward H. Dewey was born in Silver City, Idaho, October 23, 1860. Passed his boyhood days in Silver City, and in 1889, when twenty years of age, was appointed superintendent of the Black Jack mines, by the Idaho and Pittsburg Mining & Milling Company. In 1892 he was appointed superintendent of the Trade Dollar mines by that company. At present Mr. Dewey is the superintendent of the Florida Mountain Mining & Milling Company, and resides at Dewey. He was elected joint senator of Owyhee and Cassia counties for the term 1894-5, and took a leading part in the work of the third

session. He was married May 7, 1893, to Miss Sierra Nevada D'Orsay. Under Mr. Dewey's management three of the finest quartz mills in Owyhee county were erected, viz.: Black Jack, ten stamps; Trade Dollar, ten stamps; and Florida Mountain, twenty stamps.



*Edward H. Dewey.*



*James Gartland.*

Mr. James Gartland is a native son of the Golden West, and was born in San Francisco, California, April 15, 1873. He was educated in the public schools of San Francisco, where, at an early age, he engaged in the stock-brokering business. In June, 1896, he was appointed accountant with the Florida Mountain Mining Company, which position he has creditably filled to the satisfaction of the company, and on the opening of the Hotel Dewey he was placed in charge of the hotel as manager, which position he still occupies, and is well known to the traveling public as a talented and affable gentleman. Mr. Gartland has also the entire management of the various buildings now in course of construction at Dewey, and his artistic taste and judgment is manifest to all those who have of late noted the improvements at the town of Dewey.

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Mr. John Kelly, the natural vocalist and violinist, and his pupil, the Indian prodigy, have arrived in Ruby City, and will give one of their entertainments at the Magnolia this evening.—*Avalanche*, September 2, 1865.

**DEWEY DIRECTORY.**

Austin, Charles, milk dealer and stables.	Goodwin, John, miner.
Austin, J., mining.	Gustavson, Andy, miner.
Babbett, T. D., civil engineer.	Grover, Wes, stage driver.
Brunzell, Charles, mining F. M. M. Co.	Holzmeyer, H., laborer.
Brunzell, C. A., manager Brunzell's saloon.	Hogan, James, miner.
<b>BRUNZELL, J. M., SR.,</b>	<b>HOTEL DEWEY.</b>
Saloon, also Reynolds.	Colonel W. H. Dewey, proprietor, James Gartland, manager.
Crispen, Thomas, painter.	Jensen, J., boarding house.
<b>DEWEY, E. H.,</b>	Martin, J. W., clerk Hotel Dewey.
Superintendent F. M. M. Co.	Moon, B. M., clerk Hotel Dewey.
<b>DEWEY, COLONEL W. H.,</b>	Patscheek, Otto, carpenter.
Proprietor Hotel Dewey, and mine owner.	Priee, A. W., mining.
Donnelly, Pete, miner.	Queen, Ole K., residence Hotel Dewey
Erickson, L. F., mining.	Reed, Thomas C., miner.
<b>FLORIDA MOUNTAIN MINING CO.,</b>	Shelton, Frank, teamster.
E. H. Dewey, superintendent.	Stratton, Creed, millman.
<b>GARTLAND, JAMES,</b>	Thomas, Robert, miner.
Postmaster, accountant and man- ager Hotel Dewey.	<b>WALKER, LOUIS W.,</b>
Goodwin, James, miner.	Barber shop.
	Wagner, F. W., mining.

The Masons and Odd Fellows have selected and recorded a plat of ground one hundred feet square for a cemetery for the use of the two orders. It lies adjacent to the Ruby City graveyard. The committees are Gilmore Hays, G. C. Robbins and O. H. Purdy.—Avalanche, November 11, 1865.

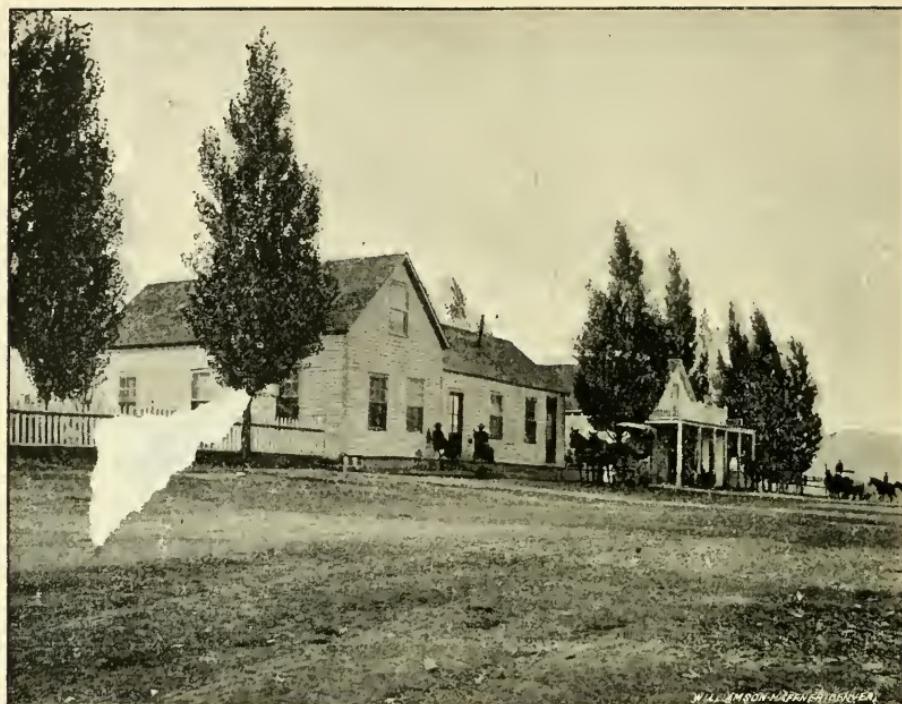
**REYNOLDS CREEK.**

Reynolds creek valley is located sixteen miles from Silver City and fifteen miles from Snake river.

The earliest settlers were Thomas Carson, Joseph Babington and James C. Bernard, who located there in the spring of 1864. Since then the valley has been rapidly settled, and numbers at present in population about 200.

The chief productions of the valley are hay, grain and fruit, which find a ready market at the mining camps, and considerable attention is also given to stock raising.

The post office, store, hotel and saloon is kept by Jan M. Brunzell, Sr.



*J. M. Brunzell's Hotel, Reynolds.*

The above view is no doubt a familiar one, to all those who have had occasion to travel on the road from Silver City to the river, being the well-known roadside resort of J. M. Brunzell, Sr., established in 1888; and very few pass by without making a "social call" on "old John," who is at all times on deck ready to serve his patrons.

Mr. Brunzell's property consists of 260 acres, of which 100 acres is under cultivation, and which has yielded this season over 200 tons of hay and 1,300 bushels of grain. He has also on this property a thrifty young orchard of hardy fruit trees, which promise well.

His buildings consist of hotel, post office, stables, barns, all of modern and substantial construction, and the fact that those who have had occasion to sojourn with him depart in a state of inmost contentment leads us to close our description with the words of the celebrated poet, "nuf sed."

Mr. Marion More arrived here last night on the stage from Owyhee, with 600 pounds of bullion in seven bricks, from the Oro Fino and Morning Star ledges.—*Oregonian*, November 28, 1864.

Divine service tomorrow at 10:30 a. m., in the sheriff's office. Rev. Mr. Case officiates. Hard cases invited.—*Avalanche*, December 9, 1865.



*Shares' Stage House, Reynolds.*

This well-known resort, familiar to the patrons of the C., O. & I. Stage Company, as well as to the wayfaring public in general, was opened in April, 1877, by Charles E. Share, as a stage station and teamsters' headquarters, and continued by him without interruption as such ever since.

The house, of modern and substantial construction, is beautifully located in about twenty-five acres of orchard land, covered with hardy fruit trees, such as apples, pears, apricots, plums, cherries, etc.

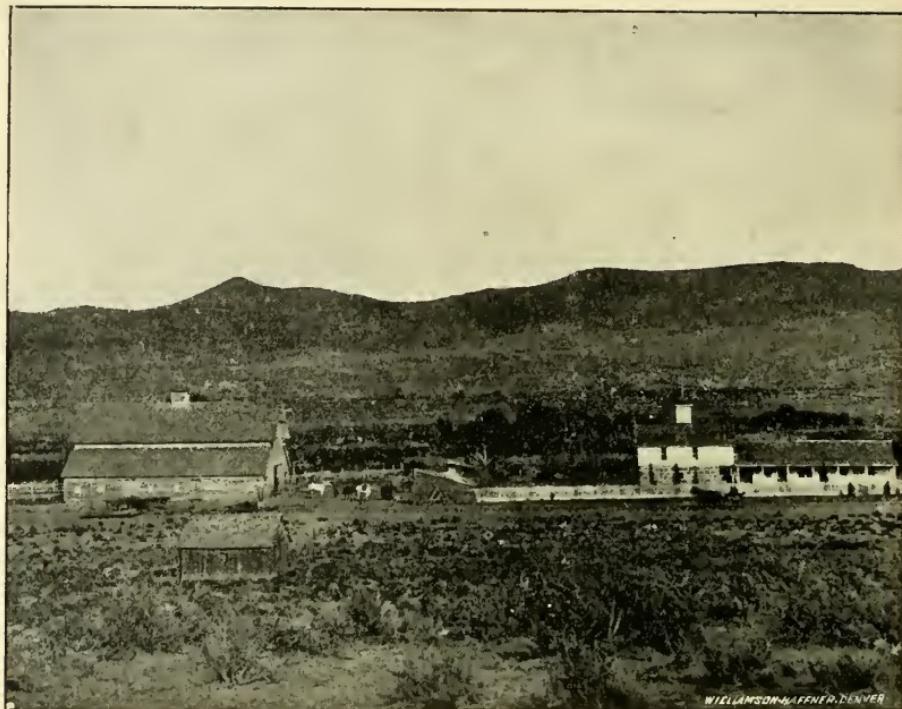
Mr. Share also owns about thirty-five acres, cultivated in timothy and alfalfa, and his yield this season will amount to about 130 tons of hay.

The "Stage House" is the stopping station of the C., O. & I. Stage Company, and familiar and welcome to all those who have had the good fortune to partake of the hospitalities of the worthy host and hostess.

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Owyhee boys challenge the balance of the territory for a snow-shoe match, any distance, for \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. We understand that parties have made from the top of Florida mountain to Ruby in twenty-eight seconds.—Avalanche, December 26, 1865.

Master Masons will observe by notice in another column that a Lodge of Instruction has been formed in Silver City.—Avalanche, October 21, 1865.



*Nobles' Ranch, Reynolds.*

The above view is an excellent representation of the home ranch of Mr. Robert Noble, at Reynolds creek.

The ranch proper consists of about 800 acres, of which about 300 acres are under cultivation, and the balance is used for grazing purposes.

Mr. Noble informs us that this ranch has yielded this season 400 tons of hay, and 1,400 bushels of grain. He also owns several other ranches in the county, on which he raises large quantities of hay and grain for his flocks, he being the most prominent wool grower in this county, as well as in the state.

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Dow. Vincent is going to stow away vegetables of all kinds in Silver City for the winter. He will put up none but good ones, and will sell them at fair prices.—*Avalanche*, October 28, 1865.

The "Half Way" is in full blast, and the weary traveler between Ruby and Silver will be glad to know that the carrying of a flask is no longer a necessity.—*Avalanche*, June 23, 1866.

The Owyhee market seems to remain firm—flour \$30.00 per hundred, and other things in proportion. No coal oil for sale at any of the stores.—*Avalanche*, December 16, 1865.



*McDonald's Freight Teams at Dewey.*

The above view represents one of the famous freight teams belonging to "Little Mac," consisting of fourteen horses, which hauled the machinery for the mill of the Florida Mountain Mining Company, at Dewey, during the summer of 1896.

The scene is at old Booneville, near Dewey, and is a memory of the place as it existed before the maturity of the many improvements of Colonel W. H. Dewey, which now make Dewey one of the marvelous wonders of progress in Owyhee county.

### **REYNOLDS DIRECTORY.**

Adams, William, stock raiser.

**BABINGTON, JOE,**

Ranch and stock raiser.

Baker, W. H., teamster.

Bernard, U. J., rancher.

Best, Henry A., ranch.

Bohlke, Gus, wood chopper.

Brunzell, A. G., superintendent McDonald's ranch.

Brunzell, Albert N., with J. M. Brunzell, Sr.

Brunzell, C. M., miner.

**BRUNZELL, J. M., SR.,**

Postoffice, hotel and saloon.

Brunzell, Otto L., with J. M. Brunzell, Sr.  
 Church, A. C., ranch hand.  
 Cook, George, rancher.  
 Cottle, Charles A., gardener.  
 Crook, William H., ranch hand.  
 Ellis, J. C., ranch.  
 Finlay, Alex, miner.  
 Fry, Samuel D., miner.  
 Graham, William, teamster.  
 Grubb, Thomas L., freighter.  
**HAMILTON, WILLIAM,**  
 Bookkeeper D. D. McDonald.  
 Henry, G. S., ranch.  
 Howard, Frank W., rancher.  
 Hughes, John, ranch hand.  
**JOHNSTON, C. C.,**  
 Rancher.  
 Johnson, C. H., ranch hand.  
 Johnson, C. S., carpenter.  
 Johnson, Chris., wood chopper.  
 Johnson, William, hostler.  
 Johnston, C., ranch.  
 Jordan, Michael, toll gate keeper.  
 Kaufman, Daniel J., ranch.  
 Kelleher, John, rancher.  
 Kerkham, George, teamster.  
 Lang, James A., blacksmith.  
 Larson, A. W., road contractor.  
 Larson, Oscar F., ranch hand.  
 Lee, James A., wood.

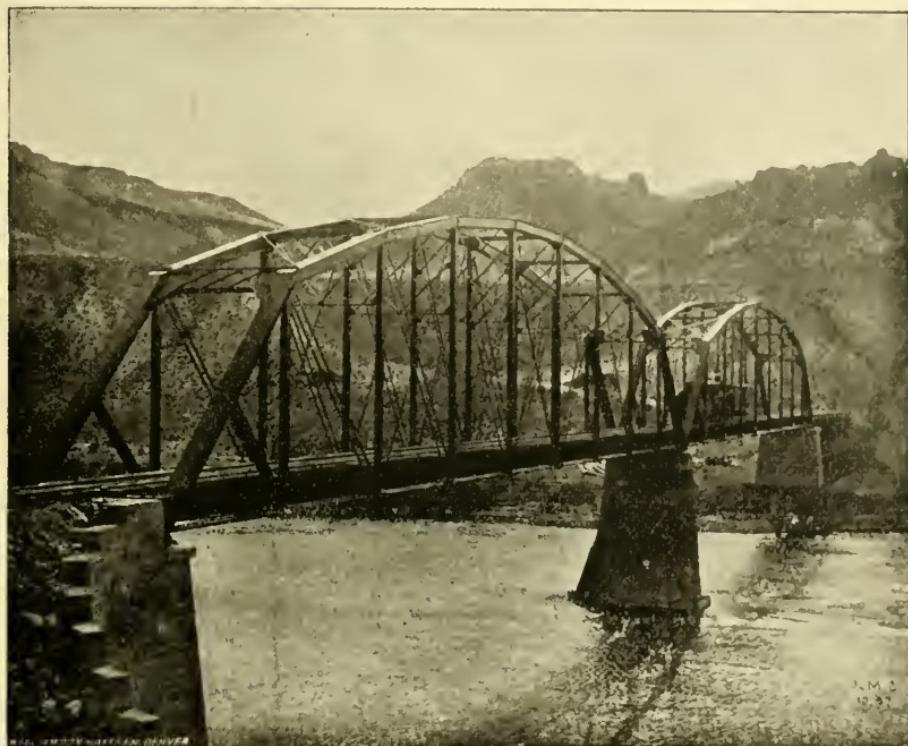
Lee, Oliver, wood.  
 Lincy, D. A., ranch.  
 McDonald, A. H., transfer manager D. D. McDonald.  
**MCDONALD, D. D.,**  
 Hotel, saloon, blacksmith, freighter and rancher.  
 McDonald, William, rancher.  
 Milne, James, blacksmith.  
 Morgan, J. M., ranch.  
 Noble, John, Jr., with Robert Noble.  
 Noble, John, Sr., with Robert Noble.  
**NOBLE, ROBERT,**  
 Rancher and wool grower.  
 Olsen, John, wood chopper.  
 Orr, David, ranch hand.  
 Pearson, John, ranch hand.  
 Peterson, Abe, stableman.  
 Pennana, John, wood.  
 Pratt, Charles, rancher.  
 Pratt, William, rancher.  
 Scott, Frank H., rancher.  
 Simmons, Charles F., ranch.  
**SHARE, CHARLES E.,**  
 Stage Hotel.  
 Share, Hank, with C. E. Share.  
 Stanford, Lee A., rancher.  
 Wallace, C. H., ranch.  
 Walter, Williard, ranch.  
 Waylett, N. B., teamster.  
 Young, J. C., milk ranch.

## GUFFEY.

Guffey is the present terminal point of the Boise, Nampa & Owyhee railroad, located at the Snake river, distant thirty miles from Silver City and one mile below the railroad bridge of the B., N. & O. R. R. Co. The first building was erected May 27, 1897, by Fred Brunzell, and the town now comprises general store, express and post office, hotel, saloon, blacksmith shop, livery stables, stage barns, boarding houses, etc., and enjoys a population of over 100, with indications of a steady increase.

The railroad bridge at Guffey was completed by the Boise, Nampa & Owyhee Railroad Company, last summer. The height from low water to top of bridge is ninety-seven feet, and from low water to rail is fifty feet. The spans, consisting of two, are 250 feet in length. The pier and abutments are

of concrete, sixty-seven feet high, sixteen feet wide, and thirty-eight feet nine inches at the base.



*Bolse, Nampa & Owyhee Railway Bridge across Snake River, Guffey.*

## **GUFFEY DIRECTORY.**

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| Anthony, Fred, teamster.                                  | C., O. & I. STAGE CO.,                                |
| Barry & Phillips, freight line.                           | J. C. Lindsey, agent.                                 |
| Barry, F. R., teamster.                                   | Central Lumber Co., Hugh B. Latham,<br>agent.         |
| Bell, John, miner.  | Courtney, L. S., with Barry & Phillips.               |
| Bergh, G. A., rancher.                                    | Davison, R. E., proprietor Jerkwater<br>placer mines. |
| Boise, Nampa & Owyhee R. R. Co., J.<br>C. Lindsay, agent. | Eastman, H. P., miner.                                |
| Bowie, J. B., with C. O. & I. Stage Co.                   | FALK BLOCK MERCANTILE & FOR-<br>WARDING CO.,          |
| Bowman, John, teamster.                                   | Leon Spangler, manager.                               |
| Brunzell, Alvin, livery stables.                          | French, John B., with C. O. & I.<br>Stage Co.         |
| <b>BRUNZELL, FRED,</b><br>Saloon and ferry.               |   |

Fritag, Ernst, laborer.	McMillan, W., miner.
Gieday, James, teamster.	Matheson, Ed, saloon.
Gowan, A. L., (Gowan & Peed).	Pacific Express Co., J. C. Lindsey, agent.
Gowan & Peed, blacksmiths.	Pritchard, Daniel, with G. A. Bergh.
Graham, William, teamster.	Qnerry, P., teamster.
Grimes & Irby, livery stables.	Peed, O. H., (Gowan & Peed).
Grimes, J., (Grimes & Irby).	Ryan, Thomas, railroad laborer.
Hamburg, Mrs. Kate, restaurant.	Smith, Ed, miner.
Hardie, George, miner.	Smith, J. E., miner.
Hawkins, A. H., miner.	Smith, R., miner.
Irby, George, (Grimes & Irby).	Kingsley, W. T., with F. B. M. & Spangler, Leon, manager Falk Block F. Co.
Lackey, A. M., with Barry & Phillips.	Stofiel, J. H., miner.
Latham, Hugh B., manager Central Lumber Co.	Stucker, A. J., blacksmith.
<b>LINDSEY, J. C.</b>	Waylett, N. B., teamster.
Railroad, stage and express agent, and postmaster.	Welch, L. O., miner.
Loftus, Andy, section foreman.	Wilson, W. W., laundry.
McGinty, John, railroad laborer.	Yahrans, George, miner.
	York, Charles, miner.
	York, Melville, miner.

### ***GRAND VIEW.***

Grand View post office is located on the south side of the Snake river, distant forty-five miles from Silver City and twenty-two miles from Mountain Home. It is an outlet for a large scope of agricultural country, there being several fine ranches in the back country and vicinity.

It is also the headquarters of the Owyhee Land & Irrigation Company, who are the owners of a fine, substantial hotel and store, besides the ferry. Mr. A. J. Wiley is the superintendent and chief engineer of the Owyhee Land & Irrigation Company, and also holds the position of postmaster.

The earliest settlers were Captain White, John McVann, Wenzel Turmes and Henry Dorsey.

The chief productions of the valleys and ranches bordering on the canal are hay, grain and fruits, which are raised in large quantities, and considerable attention is also given to placer mining along the banks of the Snake river.

### ***BRUNEAU DAM.***

Bruneau Dam is located on Bruneau river about one and five-tenths miles above its mouth, and was constructed by the Owyhee Land & Irrigation Company, under the supervision of Mr. A. J. Wiley, the superintendent and engineer of that company. It consists of a rock-filled foundation twenty-five feet

high, 190 feet wide on bottom, and 180 feet from side to side of canyon. Upon this foundation is a crib dam, constructed of iron and timber, 176 feet long on the crest, terminating at each end in vertical masonry abutments. At the south side are the head gates of the canal, having an opening of forty feet in width, and from this point the canal follows the contours about ten miles in a westerly direction and at a distance of from one to two miles south of the Snake river.



*Dam and Head Gate O. L. & I. Co., Grand View.*

### **GRAND VIEW DIRECTORY.**

Bell, Edward, laborer O. L. & I. Co.	Erickson, Peter, miner.
Brown, John N., miner.	Gregg, C. C., fisherman.
Cullen, Fred, rancher and stock raiser.	Hale, Isaac G., miner.
Cullen, Paul, Sr., rancher and stock raiser.	Lawrence, Samuel H., rancher.
Cullen, Paul, Jr., rancher and stock raiser.	Lirscom, John, stock raiser.
Carothers, Frank P., rancher and fisherman.	Lottoff, Larson, miner.
Chapman, George A., miner.	McPherson, William, miner.
Clements, Joseph, miner.	McVann, John, rancher and stock raiser.
Clifford, Daniel, miner.	Mattoon, Thomas, miner.
Cole, Edward O., miner.	Meegan, Charles, miner.
Davidson, William J., miner.	Meegan, Henry, miner.
	Melanathy, James W.
	Melanathy, William, miner.
	Nimms, Joseph, rancher.

Oglesby, James, miner.	Terrill, William A., miner.
Owyhee Land & Irrigation Co., A. J.	Turmes, John, (Kaisner & Turmes), Silver City.
Wiley, superintendent,	
Pearson, John, miner.	Turmes, Louis, rancher.
Perry, John H., miner.	Turmes, Wenzel, rancher.
Phay, M. H., miner.	Wiley, A. J., superintendent and chief engineer Owyhee L. & I. Co.
Pourat, John M., miner.	
Shull, Perry, rancher.	Wilson, William, laborer.
Snook, George A., manager hotel, Winter, James, miner.	
store, postoffice and O. L. & I. Co.	Winter, John D., miner.
Shannon, John J., miner.	Winter, Joseph K., miner.

## **BRUNEAU.**

The Bruneau valley is located in the northeastern part of Owyhee county, and is fourteen miles in length, its width varying from one to two miles. The Bruneau river runs through the center of the valley, and empties into the Snake river.

The earliest settlers were John Turner, Uncle Abe Roberson, James H. Whitson and B. F. Hawes, who located here in the '60s. The prominent ranches in the valley are those owned by John Turner, John Portlock, Harvey Bros. and the T ranch, owned by Barney Horn.

Considerable fruit and grain is raised in the valley, but the principal production is hay, of which about 10,000 tons is cut annually. There is also considerable attention given to stock raising and wool growing, and the cattle and horses produced in the valley compare favorably in quality with any raised in the West.

The town of Bruneau contains a general store, hotel, post office, blacksmith shop and saloon.

The climate is of mild and equable temperature, rarely reaching a point in the vicinity of zero.

## **BRUNEAU DIRECTORY.**

Adams, Robert, rancher.	Black, James H., rancher and stock raiser.
Avetore, Antone, laborer.	Black, J. F., rancher and stock raiser.
<b>BALZER, CHRIS.</b> , (Mitchell & Balzer).	Black John S., rancher and stock raiser.
Benham, John, rancher.	Black, Joseph R., rancher and stock raiser.
Benham, Richard, rancher and miner.	Buncell, Ben M., rancher and black- smith.
Bieroth, Samuel B., rancher and stock raiser.	Cook, John M., laborer.
Black, Franklin G., rancher and stock raiser.	Custer, William M., laborer.

Davis, J., ranch.	Owens, J., laborer.
Dunning, Dow, rancher.	Pennington, Francis M., laborer.
Harley, A. J., rancher and stock raiser.	Pollard, Charles, rancher.
Harley, W. L., rancher and constable.	<b>PORTLOCK, JOHN,</b>
Harvey Bros., rancher and stock raiser.	Rancher and stock raiser.
Harvey, George, (Harvey Bros.).	Portlock, H. S., rancher and stock raiser.
Harvey, Joseph, (Harvey Bros.).	Ramsey, P., laborer.
Harvey, Samuel, (Harvey Bros.).	Richardson, M. F., laborer.
Hawes, B. F., rancher and stock raiser.	Sears, William S., ranch hand and real estate.
Hawes, Fletcher, rancher and stock raiser.	Schenek, William C., rancher and miner.
Hiller, Fred, rancher.	Stone, Eugene V., rancher.
Holverson, Charles E., rancher and stock raiser.	Stone, R. B., rancher.
Holverson, Henry, real estate.	Tremimell, Frank O., laborer.
Horn, Barney, proprietor T ranch, residence California.	Tucker, James A., saloon.
Hosmer, Abner J., real estate.	<b>TURNER, JOHN,</b>
House, M. E., blacksmith.	Rancher and stock raiser.
Howard, John G., mail carrier.	White, Joseph, manager T ranch.
<b>HYDE, DAVID H.</b>	<b>WHITSON BROS.,</b>
Postoffice, Justice of the Peace, hotel and ranch.	Ranchers and wool growers.
Joyce Bros., ranchers and stock raisers.	Whitson, J. B., (Whitson Bros.).
Loveridge, Ray, laborer.	<b>WHITSON, JEFF D.,</b>
Leabo, Isaac J., laborer.	(Whitson Bros.).
<b>McVANN, JOHN,</b>	Wilkins Horse Co., stock raisers.
Rancher and stock raiser.	Wilkins, John E., rancher and stock raiser.
<b>MITCHELL &amp; BALZER,</b>	Wilkins, Miss Kittie, (Wilkins Horse Co.).
General merchandise.	Wilkins, Samuel B., rancher and stock raiser.
Mitchell, John (Mitchell & Balzer),	Wilson, H., rancher and stock raiser.
and rancher.	Wilson, Ida, school teacher.
Nicely, Chris M., rancher.	Wilson, V. H., miner.
Noble, Samuel P., wool grower.	
Ornby, Jackson, manager Davis ranch.	

At the top of the page following we present a view of the home farm of Mr. John Turner, located in the beautiful valley of the Bruneau.

The farm consists of over 400 acres, beautifully shaded with poplars, ash, maple, catalpas and box elders, and laid out in fine poplar walks, being abundantly watered by the Bruneau river, which courses throughout the center of the farm.

Mr. Turner produces large quantities of hay and grain on this farm, and his estimate of hay produced this season amounts to over 750 tons. Besides this, he also has several fine, thrifty orchards on his property, which produce



***John Turner's Ranch House, Bruneau Valley.***

large quantities of marketable fruit, and also raises some of the finest cattle and horses in the county, which command at all times top prices.

The residence is a modern one, substantially built and beautifully located and sheltered, in the center of the farm.



***Mrs. Steve Roberson's Residence, Bruneau Valley.***

At the bottom of the opposite page is an excellent representation, taken from the original photograph, of the homestead of Mrs. Nettie Roberson, widow of the late Stephen A. Roberson, son of Uncle Abe Roberson, an old and respected pioneer of Owyhee county.

The property consists of about 300 acres, and is located in the center of the beautiful valley of the Bruneau, being well shaded by poplar, ash, maple, walnut, catalpas and fruit trees of various kinds, and being well watered by the Bruneau river, which takes its course through the center of the property. The main productions of the ranch are hay, grain, etc., and Mrs. Roberson informs us that the yield this season amounts to 200 tons of hay. The place is also well stocked with horses, cattle, sheep, etc., and the residence is very picturesque, being well built and painted white, and presents a very pretty scene, nestled in a background of green.

### HOT SPRINGS.

Hot Spring district comprises the upper half of the beautiful valley of the Bruneau, and takes its name from the innumerable hot springs, which are located mainly on the ranches of the Robersons, Arthur Penee and Lewis & Olsen.



*Hot Creek and Falls, near Hot Springs Post Office.*

The soil is extremely fertile, and abundantly watered by the Bruneau river, and the ranches are noted not alone for their picturesque beauty but their large productions of hay, cereals, fruits, etc.

At the top of the valley, opposite the county bridge over the Bruneau river, which was recently completed at a cost of about \$2,000.00, is to be found the well-known hostelry of Lewis & Olsen, comprised of Captain Lewis, the postmaster of Hot Spring, and Chris Olsen, the county commissioner of the third district.

### HOT SPRINGS DIRECTORY.

Avery, George, ranch hand.	Loveridge, Albert, rancher and Snake River ferry.
Blackstone, B., rancher and road contractor.	Nafie, P. J., laborer.
Bridges, John W., rancher.	<b>OLSEN, CHRIS.,</b> (Lewis & Olsen) and County Commissioner.
Coats, David, rancher and wool grower.	<b>PENCE, ARTHUR,</b> Rancher and wool grower.
Coats, J. C., rancher and wool grower.	Dodge, Champ, wool grower.
Crabb, Charles, rancher.	Ratcliff, Robert, rancher.
Crutcher, H. E., school teacher.	Roberson, Abram, rancher.
Dodge, Willis, rancher and freighter.	Roberson, Sanford, rancher.
Duffield, Frank, capitalist.	<b>ROBERSON, MRS. STEVE,</b> Rancher and wool grower.
Dunham, William, ranch hand.	Roberson, W. N., rancher.
Fisher, Joe, ranch hand.	Robertson, A. L., ranch hand.
Gray, John, wool grower.	Robertson, B. F., ranch hand.
Hailey & Bacon, wool growers.	Robertson, J. R., ranch hand.
Harris, A. M., rancher and stock raiser.	Robertson, W. H., rancher.
Hawes, Joseph, rancher and stock raiser.	Roker, John, teamster.
Hewitt, Thomas, rancher.	Strickland, J. L., rancher and Justice of the Peace.
Hewitt, William, ranch hand.	Strickland, W. R., rancher and stock raiser.
Hodge, Richard, ranch hand.	Thomas, George, rancher.
Houston, George, wool grower.	Tregener, Frank, wool grower.
Hutchinson, Andrew, ranch hand.	White, John, wool grower.
Hutchinson, John, rancher and freighter.	Whitson, J. T., rancher.
Johnson, O. T., ranch hand.	Wilson, R. S., clergyman.
Jones, John, rancher and stock raiser.	
Lewis, J. S., (Lewis & Olsen).	
<b>LEWIS &amp; OLSEN,</b> Hotel, postoffice and Hot Springs.	
Lewis, W. F., rancher.	

### OREANA.

The valley embraces Picket, Hart's and Catherine creeks, and is about fifteen miles long, varying in width from one to three miles, being well watered by above mentioned creeks.

The earliest settlers were James and John Driscoll and Tim Shea, who settled in the valley in the early '60s.

The main ranch in the valley is the Grayson ranch, consisting of about 1,500 acres, which, up to 1889, was owned by Mike Hyde, and at one time supported 15,000 head of cattle. It is now owned by George W. Grayson & Son, of San Francisco, Cal., and was originally located by Hart and others. In 1884, Harry Olsen opened a hotel here, and named the place "Oreana" (an unbranded yearling).

Considerable grain and fruit is raised in the valley, but the main production is hay, of which about 5,000 tons is cut annually.

The post office was established in 1884, and for the past two years the office has been held by B. H. Hyde.

The town of Oreana, in the center of the valley, contains a general store, post office, saloon, blacksmith shop and school.



**Hardiman Brothers' Residence, Pickett Creek.**

Hardiman Bros. are extensively engaged in stock raising, and were up to recently one of the leading firms engaged in that line of business in the state. Their home ranch, which we present in the accompanying views (formerly the Blackinger ranch), is located at Pickett creek and consists of 240 acres, of which about eighty acres are under cultivation, well shaded with poplar, cottonwood and Balm of Gilead trees, and well watered by Pickett creek, which meanders through the entire property.

The residence is a modern, substantial building of two stories, of recent construction, and one of the most attractive buildings of its nature in the county.

They also have a large and thrifty orchard of about 200 trees, consisting of nearly all the hardy varieties to be found in a well-cultured orchard.

Mr. William Hardiman also owns a fine ranch of about 200 acres, located at Castle creek, mainly devoted to grazing, and the firm has also a large cattle ranch at Boulder creek.



*Hardiman Brothers' Barn and Corrals, Pickett Creek.*

The Hardiman brothers are well-known stock men in the stock markets of the West, and have always shown themselves earnest and conscientious in their endeavors to improve and advance the quality of cattle and horses in the county.

## OREANA DIRECTORY.

Aldrich, W. H., ranch.  
 Beggs, John, ranch hand.  
 Carothers, Frank, rancher.  
 Chitwood, Charles A., rancher.  
 Cowles, F. J., rancher.  
 Clenderson, Harvey, ranch.  
 Drown, John, mining.  
 Drown, Charles, mining.  
 Flemming, William, rancher.  
 Ford, Jerry, rancher.

Goff, J. C., rancher.  
 Goff, Charles, rancher.  
 Grayson & Co., G. W., ranch, M. M.  
     Krieg, Jr., manager.  
**HARDIMAN BROS.,**  
     Ranchers and stock raisers.  
**HARDIMAN, PATRICK,**  
     (Hardiman Bros.).  
**HARDIMAN, WILLIAM,**  
     (Hardiman Bros.).

Howe, E. C., ranch hand.	Mowbray, Robert, wood.
Hyde, Ben H., (Hyde & Ulrich), post-office and rancher.	Neiss, Frank, miner.
Hyde & Ulrich, general merchandise.	Neiss, J. E., salesman Hyde & Ulrich.
Hyde, George W., rancher.	Northrup, Rube, rancher.
Krieg, M. M., Jr., manager Grayson ranch.	<b>OLSEN, HARRY,</b> Rancher.
Lambert, H. L., rancher.	Payne, William, rancher.
Linehan, Patrick, rancher.	Penrose, Thomas, rancher.
McPherson, W. E., miner.	Pichette, George, rancher.
McPheters, William, ranch.	Ulrich, E. M., (Hyde & Ulrich).
Miller, R. L., ranch.	Ulrich, George, rancher.
	Warner, Charles A., saloon.

### CASTLE CREEK.

Castle creek valley is about fifteen miles long and one to two miles in width, and is well watered by Castle creek.

The earliest settlers were Captain G. W. Paul, M. H. Presby, Pres. Cooper and W. H. Barnes.

The valley is devoted to stock raising and farming, the hay crop amounting to about 2,000 tons annually.

### CASTLE CREEK DIRECTORY.

<b>BRUCE, GEORGE W.</b> , (Owyhee Meat Co.), and ranch.	Hamilton, William, mining.
Bruce, Samuel, rancher.	<b>HARDIMAN BROS.</b> , Ranchers and stock raisers.
<b>COOPER, P. S.</b> , Rancher.	<b>HENDERSON, JAMES</b> , Hotel and ranch.
Cooper, W. H., rancher.	Henderson, John, saloon.
Cooper, William, stock.	Henderson, Mrs. M., postoffice and store.
Cooper, Roy, rancher.	Hennesy, Martin, ranch hand.
Devine, Miss Maggie, rancher.	Kelly, J. P., rancher.
Doyle, Thomas, rancher.	Kelly, P. J., rancher.
Evans, Andrew, mining.	Lambert, Captain, placer mine.
Evans, John, horses.	Lancran, John, rancher.
Evans, William D., ranch and wool grower.	Lee, John, ranch hand.
Fisk, J. W., camp tender.	McDonough, D. L., rancher.
Foreman, T. A., rancher.	McMahon, William, vaquero.
Goodman, A. J., rancher.	March, William, ranch hand.
Goodman, John M., rancher.	Miller, William, ranch hand.
Gudger, Frank, sheep shearer.	Palm, W. H. H., school teacher.

**PAUL, CAPTAIN G. W.,**

Rancher.

Presby, Mrs. M. H., rancher.

Rogers, Joe, camp tender.

Spencer, D. H., saloon.

Sawyer, Joseph, ranch hand.

**TOY, WILLIAM,**

Rancher and stock raiser.

Victor, William, rancher.

**SINKER CREEK.**

WILLIAMSON &amp; HAFFNER, DENVER

*Gilmore's Ranch, on Sinker Creek*

The above view is an excellent representation of the most picturesque ranch in Owyhee county, the property of Mr. George W. Gilmore.

This ranch is located in Sinker canyon, and consists of 160 acres, beautifully shaded with some of the tallest and healthiest poplars to be found in the county, and is also covered with a sturdy growth of birch, locust and cottonwoods, and well watered by the Sinker creek, which courses throughout the entire property.

Mr. Gilmore has about thirty acres under cultivation, mainly in alfalfa and vegetables.

He also has a young and thrifty orchard of about 400 trees, consisting of all the hardy varieties of fruit, and equal in bearing qualities to any orchard of a similar nature in the state. The annual yield of this orchard is a heavy one and a source of good income to the proprietor.

Mr. Gilmore has also some choice horses and cattle, which rank in quality as high as any in the county.

**SINKER CREEK DIRECTORY.**

Crocheron, George, rancher.	Joyce, Robert, rancher and stock raiser.
Crocheron, John, stock raiser.	
<b>CROCHERON, J. H.,</b>	<b>LAMBERT, Q. F.,</b>
Rancher.	Rancher.
Dupont, Modesto, rancher.	Latta, Robert, ranch hand.
Gilmore, George H., ranch hand.	Lichow, Fred, ranch hand.
<b>GILMORE, GEORGE W.,</b>	<b>Matthews, J.,</b> rancher.
Rancher.	Miller, Rufus, miner.
Guilleminot, Felix, rancher.	Morrison, Fred W., rancher.
Joyce, James, rancher and stock raiser.	Morrison, Simon, rancher.
Joyce, John, rancher and stock raiser.	Prater, James, rancher.
Joyce, Matthew, rancher and stock raiser.	Paul, Mrs., rancher.
	Rubens, Jake, rancher.
	Smith, Warren D., ranch hand.

**ENTERPRISE.**

*J. C. Bernard's Residence, on the bank of Snake River.*

The above view is an excellent representation of the Ferry House, located at Snake river, and owned by James C. Bernard.

The original house was erected in 1882, at a cost of five thousand dollars, and was totally destroyed by fire, including furniture, in October, 1887.

Though the loss was a severe one, Mr. Bernard was not easily discouraged, and at once commenced to rebuild, erecting a fine, substantial building, the view of which we present to our readers. Mr. Bernard also owns 500 acres of land contiguous to the Ferry House, on which is laid out two fine orchards, consisting of over 1,000 hardy fruit trees.

He informs us that his ranch this season has yielded 400 tons of hay, 1,000 bushels of grain and 500 bushels of potatoes. He also owns 360 acres of land at Reynolds creek, adjoining Mr. Robert Noble's property, which has yielded this season 250 tons of hay, there being 150 acres under cultivation, the balance being used for grazing purposes.



*Bernard's Ferry across Snake River.*

We present to our readers an excellent view of the ferry boat at Central Ferry, Snake river, owned by James C. Bernard, a well-known and respected pioneer of this county.

Owing to the gigantic strides of civilization in this part of the country, and the fact that within a short time the sound of the locomotive will echo throughout the canyons of Owyhee, we have been impelled to preserve this view of "pioneer times," feeling assured that it will prove of historical interest to those who are destined to take our places when we have passed away.

This ferry was established by Mr. Bernard in 1882, and is located thirty-two miles from Silver City, twenty miles from Caldwell and fifteen miles

from Nampa, and is the most direct route to any of the above-mentioned points. All of the roads leading direct to the ferry have been constructed, steadily improved and kept in condition by Mr. Bernard at his own private expense.



*Givens' Hot Spring Resort, Enterprise.*

The above is a view of the "Snake River Hot Springs," which are beautifully located on a bend of the Snake river closely adjoining the Warm Springs ferry, located thirty-five miles from Silver City and fifteen miles from Caldwell, easily accessible from all parts of the county.

The property embraces 154 acres, beautifully shaded by poplars and fruit trees of various kinds, and the springs consist of one large thermal swimming pool 16x40 feet, strongly impregnated with iron, magnesia, sulphur and other health-giving properties. This pool is covered by a fine, substantial building of 24x52 feet, with private rooms and conveniences for the accommodation of the patrons.

The smaller spring is located about 800 yards from the hotel, and contains the same ingredients as the larger pool.

The hotel is admirably kept by Mrs. M. R. Givens, and the table abundantly furnished with all the delicacies of the season. The springs has a large patronage, and is a great resort during the summer season for private picnic parties, and the waters have been highly recommended by the leading physicians of the state, and have proved of great benefit to all those afflicted by rheumatic, cutaneous and nervous disorders.

**ENTERPRISE DIRECTORY.**

Arvidson, John, rancher; also Arvidson & Peterson, De Lamar, Idaho.	Keith, James, sheep.
Bauchman, Fred, rancher.	Keith, John, sheep.
Bernard, C. B., with J. C. Bernard.	Keith, Joseph, sheep.
<b>BERNARD, J. C.,</b>	Nelson, Carl, cattle dealer.
Central ferry, rancher and stock raiser.	Nelson, Rudolf, rancher.
Brooks, John W., rancher.	Nemonic, John, miner.
Bruce, John, sheep.	Newell, George, sanitarium.
Buchmiller, George, Noble ranch.	Pratt, Henry M., with J. C. Bernard.
Cox, Alf, ranch hand.	Price, Marsh, Sommer camp ranch.
Cox, Professor H., rancher.	Pryor, James, with J. C. Bernard.
Gardner, Charles, rancher.	Richards, John P., rancher.
Gardner, Rube, rancher.	<b>SCHUSTER, FRANK,</b>
Garrison, C. B., opal mine.	Rancher.
Gifford, R. J., with J. C. Bernard.	Shafer, A. A., with D. L. Williams.
Givens, M. R., rancher.	Shirley, Harrison F., rancher.
Givens, Mrs. M. R., proprietor Snake River Hot Springs.	Shirley, Othello T., rancher.
Gustavson, John, rancher.	Shirley, Tim, rancher.
Haney, O. H., with D. L. Williams.	Smith, John, ranch hand.
Holberg, Alvin, rancher.	Smith, Perry B., rancher.
Holberg, Fred, rancher.	<b>SNAKE RIVER HOT SPRINGS,</b>
Holberg, Nels P., rancher.	Mrs. M. R. Givens, proprietor.
Jones, J. J., miner.	Stewart, Wilson, miner.
	Wagner, John, rancher.
	Webb, Harry W., ranch hand.
	Williams, David L., postmaster and Warm Springs ferry.

**ROCKVILLE DIRECTORY.**

Blackstock, Adam, wool grower.	Hammond, William, sheep herder.
Blackstock, Herbert, wool grower.	Keith, James, wool grower.
Blackstock, Joseph, wool grower.	Keith, John, wool grower.
Brewster, J. C., rancher.	Marsh, A. J., sheep herder.
Bruce, John, wool grower.	Monahan, Joseph, cattleman.
Christensen, William, station keeper.	Moss, Robert, hostler.
Drennan, John, wool grower.	Philpot, Marion, buckaroo.
Geise, Albert, sheep herder.	Sands, Mrs. A. J., ranch.
Gillenwater, J. F., wool grower.	Sinclair, George, sheep herder.
Graff, Cal., wool grower.	<b>UPHAM, W. H.,</b>
Graff, William, wool grower.	Postmaster and hotel.
	Wilson, William, sheep herder.

**PLEASANT VALLEY DIRECTORY.**

Ascuenga, A. B., rancher and wool grower.	Driscoll, Dennis, stock raiser.
<b>BEERS, W. P.,</b> Stock raiser, (Beers & Colburn), De Lamar.	Glass, George, stock raiser. Glass, S., stock raiser.
Bissett, W. P., stock raiser.	Grogan, Peter, stock raiser.
Brown, J. C., (Brown & Sampson, Silver City).	Gusman, J., stock raiser.
Clegg, J. T., stock raiser.	Knight, Syd, stock raiser.
Clegg, Philip, stock raiser.	Maher, W. H., stock raiser.
Davey, B. B., laborer.	Newell, Joseph, stock raiser.
Daly, William H., laborer.	O'Keefe, Arthur, rancher.
Denny, Abr., horses.	O'Keefe, A. A., stock raiser.
Denny, J. J., stock raiser.	Quale, William, miner.
Diesenroth, Peter, stock raiser.	Shea, Jerry, rancher and stock raiser.
	Sharp, I. W., stock raiser.
	Young, R. T., stock raiser.

**DAIRY DIRECTORY.**

Azvedo, Joe, herder.	Drummond, Arthur M., stock raiser.
Azvedo, Manuel, ranch and stock raiser.	Drummond, George, laborer.
Bissett, Austin, ranch and stock raiser.	Rickard, Wes, stock raiser.
Childs, William H., trapper.	Shea, David, stock raiser.
Curtis, James, stock raiser.	Silva, Joe, herder.
Curtis, William, stock raiser.	Wilson, Henry, stock raiser.
Deakin, Charles M., stock raiser.	Winters, W. D., stock raiser.
Deary, Jacob, stock raiser.	

**THREE CREEK.**

Three Creek is located in the southeastern portion of the county, about fifty miles south of the Snake river. On account of its elevation, there is but little attention given to farming, but it is specially adapted to stock raising, and is thickly settled by stock men.

The first location was made in the '70s by Joe Scott, of Miles City, Mont., who gave the country the name of "71," it being the number of the first range located, and the brand adopted by Scott in branding his cattle.

The principal stock company in this section is the Sparks-Harrell Company, of Visalia, Cal., who, for their untiring attention to the improvement

of the quality of their cattle, which embrace a large number of thoroughbreds, deserve great praise.

The general store is carried on by C. B. Faraday, who is also the postmaster of the district.

### THREE CREEK DIRECTORY.

Axe, C. E., laborer.	Lower, Harry, cattle.
Axe, Homer, herder.	McKenzie, William, herder.
Axe, H. D., stage driver.	Marlatt, Grover, cattle.
Beaton, Neil, sheep.	Mauldin, Lee, horses.
Bowers, Joe, vaquero.	Moore, George, horses and cattle.
Bracket, A. H., sheep.	Owens, Lyte, cattle.
Bratten, J. M., sheep.	Patrick, George, cattle.
Caudle, Noah W., cattle.	Pence, John, sheep.
Chisholm, James, vaquero.	Ramsey, Champ, sheep.
Conover, G. G., horses.	Reynolds, Allen, herder.
Cotton, O. E., herder.	Riffe, Stephen, herder.
Crutchfield, Aaron, cattle.	Roberts, Wesley, herder.
Crutchfield, J. E., cattle.	Rogerson, Andrew, sheep.
Davis, P. B., laborer.	Ross, Frank, horses.
Duncan, G. T., cattle.	Rosvear, John, cattle.
Dunn, S. C., cattle.	Smith, Shirley, cattle.
<b>FARADAY, C. B.,</b>	Sparks, Harrell Co., (Visalia, Cal.), cattle.
Postoffice, store, etc.	Stanfield, J. M., cattle.
Hewett, Thomas, cattle.	Stewart, Harry, cattle.
Higgins, Thomas, herder.	Templeman, J. D., mason.
Hodge, William, Jr., horses.	Tellis, W. B., cattle.
Hodge, William, Sr., horses.	Walters, W. H., cattle.
Lawson, H. D., cattle.	

### WAYLAND.

Little valley, in which the post office district of Wayland is located, was settled in the spring of 1883 by R. M. Stone.

The valley is twelve miles in length, and is fed by the waters of Jack and Wickahoni creeks.

The main production is hay, but the soil is also well adapted for garden fruits and cereals.

### WAYLAND DIRECTORY.

Connor, John B., rancher and wool grower.	Dunning, Dr. J. W., rancher.
Craig, George, rancher.	Keifer, Eugene, rancher.

Pennington, Mrs. G. W., postoffice.	Stone, August W., rancher.
Pennington, G. W., rancher.	Stone, R. M., rancher.
Phillips, M. T., rancher.	Turner, William I., rancher.
Purjue, Frank, rancher.	

***WICKAHONY DIRECTORY.***

Buncel, Ben, rancher.	Riddle, George, rancher.
Buncel, C. L., rancher.	Riddle, Grant, rancher.
Clark, Lafayette, rancher.	Riddle, U. D., rancher.
Dunning, Dow, postoffice and rancher.	Roberts, George, rancher.
Harvey, Joseph, rancher.	Ryan, William, rancher.
Heller, Fred, rancher.	Stone, A. W., rancher.
Job, John, rancher.	Stone, Dick, rancher.
Marchbanks, Joe, rancher.	Tindall, William J., rancher.
Riddle, Frank, rancher.	Wilson, Hobart, rancher.





*Dave Adams.*



*Peter Adams.*



*Joseph Babington.*



*Chauncey D. Bachelor.*

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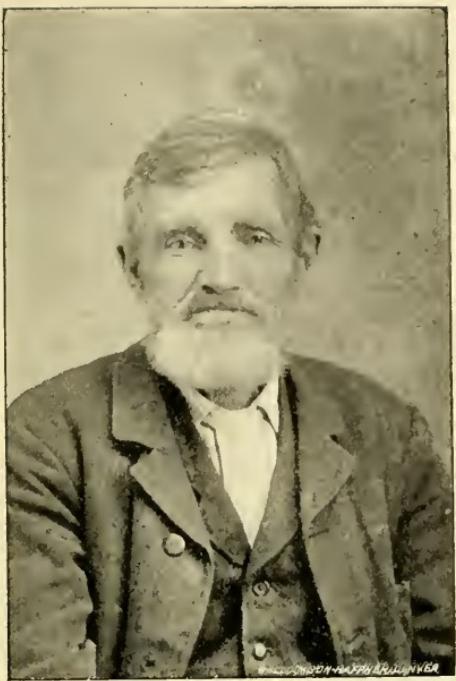
## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PIONEERS.

ADAMS, DAVE, was born in Darwin, Clark county, Illinois, in the year 1843. Emigrated, with an uncle, to Pocahontas, Arkansas, in 1857. Left the uncle a year or so afterward and went to Fort Smith, in that state. There he started in to learn the printer's trade. Worked a year or so as "devil" in an office there, and then went to the Indian Territory for a short time, locating finally at Sherman, Texas, where he worked in printing offices until the fourth day of March, 1861. On that memorable day in American history, the day on which Lincoln took his seat in the presidential chair for his first term, when states were seceding from the Union and war clouds were gathering, he joined a party whose sympathies were with the North, and, with mule teams, went to Chihuahua, Mexico, thence to Arizona, and, late in the fall of that year, landed in Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, California. Here he worked at his trade until 1864, when he enlisted in the army—in Company A, Eighth infantry, California Volunteers, and served until the end of the war, being stationed most of the time at Fort Point, San Francisco, and the mouth of the Columbia river. Was discharged at the Presidio in 1865. Remained in California until the next spring, when he drove a horse team, loaded with flour, to Humboldt county, Nevada. Here he engaged in various occupations, among which were "keeping station," operating pack trains and burning charcoal for smelting companies, until the spring of 1868, when, in company with seven or eight others, he walked from that point, through a portion of Oregon, to Silver City, Idaho, a distance of nearly 300 miles. The greater portion of that summer was spent as a laborer on a farm in Snake river valley, known as the Ike Jennings ranch, on Catharine creek, and now known as Oreana. That fall he was employed with a government surveying party—surveying township lines and subdividing on both sides of Snake river, between Walter's Ferry and the mouth of the Bruneau river. After being discharged at Boise City late that fall, he returned to Silver City, and soon afterward went to work on the Tidal Wave, a newspaper then being published by the Butler brothers. Quit the office in July of the next year (1869) and went on a prospecting tour into the Sawtooth, or Salmon river, mountains, in company with a man by the name of Henry H. Knapp, a printer and assayer. That fall the famous Loon creek placer camp was discovered, and the subject of our sketch and his partner were the first men on the ground besides the discoverers. They located several claims, and, as a town was soon started, they took in another man (M. A. Wentworth) as a partner; built some houses; bought in a stock of general merchandise on pack animals from Boise Basin, and started a store, and soon afterward started an express line between Loon creek and Idaho City—a distance of about one hundred and forty miles; carrying mail and express matter on horseback during the summer months, and on snowshoes in the winter time. Flour sold as high as fifty cents per pound. The charge for taking out or bringing in letters was fifty cents each; newspapers, fifty to

seventy-five cents; magazines, one dollar, and small packages in proportion. No work could be done that first winter, and, supposing that everybody in camp had a bonanza, Dave (as he was then, and had always been, familiarly called) and his partners sold out their goods to the miners on credit. The next spring, when mining operations commenced, it soon became apparent that the rich ground was not extensive. The miners could not make their claims pay expenses. Consequently they could not pay their bills contracted during the previous winter, and the firm of Adams, Knapp & Wentworth was "broke." That fall (1870) Adams went to Boise City and again assumed the role of a typist. In 1871 he again returned to Silver City and engaged in mining on War Eagle mountain for a few months, when he got a situation on the Avalanche, then published by W.J. Hill, continuing thus employed until July, 1874. Then, being in poor health, he went to San Francisco and other coast towns in California. Speculated unsuccessfully in mining stocks and returned again to Silver City about the first of July, 1876. Went to Boise City a few days later and took a situation on the Statesman, as foreman; the paper being published at that time by Judge Kelly. The next year, however (1877), he returned once more to Silver City, and worked one year on the Avalanche for Major Hay. The winter of 1878-79 was spent in an unprofitable mining venture on War Eagle mountain, but in the spring and summer of 1879 engaged in successful speculations in and about Silver City, and in October of 1880, in partnership with Guy Newcomb, he purchased the Avalanche plant from Major J. S. Hay. In May, 1882, he disposed of his interest in the Avalanche to Charles M. Hays. From the editorial tripod he entered other lines of trade, purchasing the Silver City iron foundry, engaging in the wood business and speculating in real estate, which he followed for several years. The foundry, which he still owns, was operated up to 1886. In the winter of 1884-5, Mr. Adams represented Owyhee county in the territorial legislature. In 1889, in partnership with Ira S. Allen, he opened a furniture store on Washington street, but in 1892 a full line of general merchandise was put in and the furniture closed out. The same year his partner, Mr. Allen, absconded. Mr. Adams is now sole owner of and conducts the largest mercantile establishment and business in Owyhee county. His fine store room, in Granite block, is 40x70 feet, and practically fireproof. He also owns two warerooms in the same block, and several other houses in different parts of the town. He is local agent for both the Hercules and Safety-Nitro powder companies, of California, handling three carloads of powder in 1897. Also superintendent of the Morning Star Gold Mining & Milling Company.

Silver City not having banking facilities, the deficiency has been supplied for several years past by Mr. Adams, in the way of buying and issuing checks, receiving deposits, etc. For the year 1897 this branch of business (checks cashed and remitted to the Boise National Bank) has amounted, in exact figures, to \$237,619.84, and has been of inestimable convenience to the mining companies operating here, as well as to the general public.

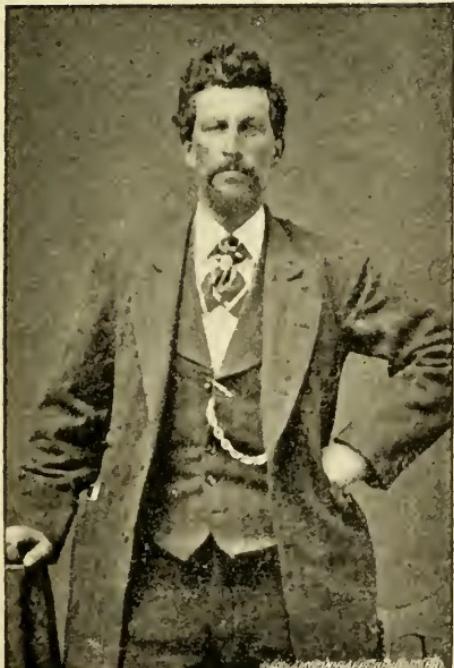
The foregoing sketch of Mr. Adams' life, while barely touching the passing changes and experiences of the same, will show to the rising generation the possibilities of reaching honored and successful positions in life, however humble the beginning may be. He very often met with discouraging reverses, and suffered innumerable hardships, but, with an energy that knew not fatigue,



*James Beaton.*



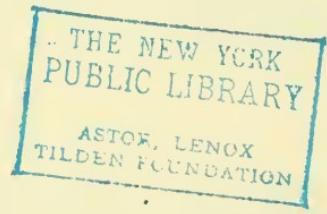
*Abel A. Berg.*



*James C. Bernard.*



*Valentine Blackinger.*



and with indomitable pluck and perseverance, he solved the problem and is now enjoying the reward.

ADAMS, MR. PETER, was born in Dunkirk, New York, in February, 1837. In 1864 he crossed the plains to California, and came to Idaho in 1866. Mr. Adams is a carpenter and millwright by trade. From 1874 to 1878 he was engaged in the furniture business in Silver City. In 1876, in partnership with Mr. T. W. Jones, he erected a custom quartz mill at Wagontown. For the past fifteen years Mr. Adams has followed mining, and is the owner of the valuable Garfield group of mines at Wagontown. These properties are opened by fully 3,000 feet of tunnels, and were the first to ship ore over the Oregon Short Line railway after its completion.

BABINGTON, MR. JOSEPH, was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1837. When at an early age, his parents settled in Illinois, and subsequently in Iowa. In 1862 he crossed the plains, settled at La Grande, Oregon, and engaged in farming. On March 11, 1864, he located at Reynolds creek, being one of the earliest settlers in that locality. He kept the stage station near Reynolds up to 1871, and subsequently was ranching about nine miles from Silver. Of late years has permanently resided at Reynolds, engaged in stockraising and farming.

BACHELER, MR. CHAUNCEY DARWIN, was born at Osceola, Livingston county, Michigan, December 8, 1835. Was brought up on a farm, and left home February 14, 1854, bound for California by way of the isthmus, and arrived at San Francisco March 25, 1854. He mined in the Secret ravine diggings, in Placer county, until 1861, when he left there for Virginia City, where he remained until the spring of 1864, when he struck out for Owyhee county, reaching that place March 10, 1864. He first located a ferry on the Owyhee river, and in 1865 opened a livery stable at Ruby City, which he carried on for about two years. In 1867 he located a ranch in Jordan valley, which he disposed of in 1869, made a trip home to Michigan, and returned in 1870, and located the Goose ranch, in Jordan valley. In 1879 he disposed of this ranch and purchased the Trout creek station, which he continued until 1882, when he located at Camp Three Forks, where he engaged in the ranch and dairy business, and in 1891 he moved to De Lamar, where he at present resides, engaged in dairy business and teaming.

In 1876 he was married to Miss Martha E. Corp.

While ranching in Jordan valley in 1867, and on his way to Silver City with a load of hay, he was attacked by a band of Pintos and shot in the side, the ball passing through his elbow, but was rescued by a friend, who carried him to shelter. The wound was a serious one, and he still suffers at this late date from the effects of it.

Mr. Bacheler is a crack shot and an old Indian fighter. He participated in the Jordan fight in Owyhee canyon, and since that date has had the felicity of accidentally transporting many a red devil to the "happy hunting grounds."

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BEATON, MR. JAMES, was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, June 30, 1826. Left Scotland at the age of twenty-one for Canada, where until 1863 he was engaged in bush farming. Was for several years engaged in engineering in various parts of the United States, and finally brought up in Silver City, in 1872, since which date he has resided here, engaged in engineering, mining and prospecting.

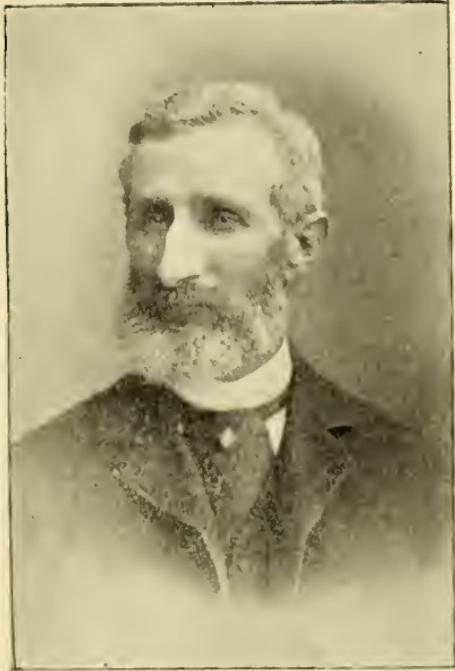
He is well known to the residents of Owyhee county by his sobriquet of "Scotty Beaton."

BEGGS, MR. JOHN, was born in the County Tipperary, Ireland, June 21, 1823. Left Ireland in 1844, and worked as machinist in the Morgan Iron Works (New York city) up to 1864, when he went to San Francisco, and in the following year was engaged in mining in Idaho at Boise basin. Arrived in Silver City in 1868, and up to 1873 was engaged in mining, and since that date has been most of the time ranching.

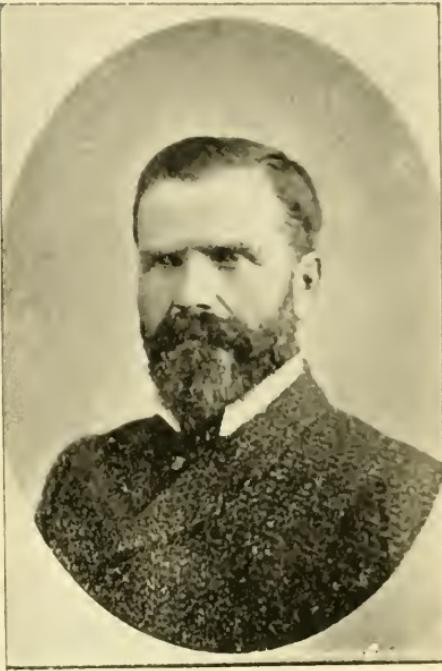
BERG, MR. ABEL A., was born near Arvika, Sweden, on December 19, 1846. At an early age he followed the sea, until 1871, when he left Sweden for America, arriving at Sacramento, California, in the latter part of 1871. He worked on a ranch and in a beet sugar factory until the following year, when he struck out for Idaho, and landed at Silver City December 27, 1872. Since then he has been engaged in mining and prospecting, and has worked in all the prominent mines on War Eagle and Florida mountains. He is the principal owner of the Lone Tree group, located in close proximity to the Trade Dollar mines, his partners being Messrs. Quinlan, Regan and Hays. He also owns other good mining properties on Florida mountain.

Mr. Berg is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Miners' Union of Silver City.

BERNARD, MR. JAMES CHARLES, was born on Prince Edward island, November 25, 1842. He emigrated at the early age of four years, with his parents, to Iowa county, Wisconsin. His schooling was limited, and in his early manhood he became a raftsman on the Wisconsin river. In the spring of 1862 he crossed the plains with an ox team, and reached Powder River valley, Oregon, August 28, 1862. Wintered at Auburn, Oregon, and in the spring of 1863 he went to Centerville, Idaho, where he was engaged in mining, and, subsequently, packing between Umatilla landing and Idaho City. During the following winter he was snowbound at La Grande, Oregon, and when the spring opened he loaded fourteen packhorses with provisions and crossed the Snake river, bound for Ruby City, which he reached in March, 1864, and sold his outfit at high prices, realizing seventy-five cents per pound for flour, bacon and beans. He then engaged in ranching at Reynolds creek, until 1866, when he ran a hack-wagon at Silver City, and subsequently went to Boise City, where he engaged in farming and teaming. In 1867 he purchased the Lytle ferry, four miles above the well-known Central ferry, which he established five years later. Simultaneously he ran a stage line in connection with his ferry, and subsequently disposed of both stage line and ferry to the opposition line. He then engaged in ranching at Upper Reynolds creek, and in 1882 established the Central ferry.



*Robert Bruce.*



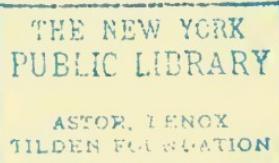
*Frederick Brunzell.*



*J. M. Brunzell, Jr.*



*Mrs. Josephine M. Brunzell.*



He served a term as school trustee, and held the position of postmaster at Central Ferry for nine years, resigning and declining same in 1896, after which the office was abolished.

BLAKE, MR. F. W., was born in Boston, July 24, 1828. He went to California in 1852, settling in Weaverville, and engaging in the assaying business, and subsequently moved to Unionville, Nevada, where he opened an assay office, and was married to Miss Sarah Meador, of that place. In 1866 he came to Silver City, and was engaged as assayer for all the principal mines and mills in this locality. He erected the granite block on Washington street, now occupied by Dave Adams, and took a very active interest in the affairs of the county generally. In 1873 he left with his family for New York, remaining there until 1875, when he returned to the coast, locating at Prescott, Arizona, where he engaged in banking and assaying, and also as agent for Wells, Fargo & Company's express, and served one term as mayor of Prescott. His death occurred August 2, 1895, at Prescott, Arizona, and his widow and only son (a native of Silver City) still reside at Prescott, where his son carries on his father's business.

BLAKE, WILLIAM J., was born in New Hampshire, October 1, 1831, and died at Silver City July 31, 1875. He left Boston for San Francisco in 1849, under engagement as clerk for the well-known tea importers, Macondray & Company, and subsequently engaged in the express business in San Francisco. Subsequently he was recorder at Austin, Nevada, and in 1871 went to Silver City as bookkeeper for Gardner & Company, which position he held till the time of his death. Was a brother of the late R. W. Blake, and of Mrs. T. J. Butler, of Prescott, Arizona.

BLACKINGER, MR. VALENTINE, was born in Bavaria, May 11, 1825, and died at Boise, Idaho, of Bright's disease, on June 4, 1892. At 14 years of age he emigrated to the United States and located at Buffalo, N. Y. In 1862 he crossed the plains with his family, first locating at Auburn, Or., but the following year came to Owyhee and engaged in the butcher business at Ruby City, Silver City and Booneville. About the same time he opened a grocery store in Ruby City. Mr. Blackinger erected one of the first frame buildings in Ruby, the lumber for the same being "whip-sawed" and costing \$350.00 per 1,000 feet. In the spring of 1864, his family came on from Auburn and joined him. Mr. Blackinger conducted at one time the Golden Chariot mine boarding house and a restaurant in Silver City. In 1869 he purchased the War Eagle hotel from Way & Mayes, running the same until 1878, when he sold to John Grete. In 1870 he embarked in the cattle business, with a fine hay ranch on Pickett creek (now known as the Hardiman ranch), he selling out his stock interests to Hardiman Bros. in 1878. After disposing of his various interests in Owyhee county, he removed to Boise, where he engaged in business until the Wood river excitement in 1881, at which time he located at Bellevue and opened a meat market. On December 3, 1887, his wife and helpmeet died, and the following year he closed his Bellevue business and returned to Silver City. He resided here about a year and then visited Seattle and other coast points, returning to Boise, where he resided with his daughter, Mrs. T. Regan.

up till the time of his death. He left a family of five children, four daughters and a son. The former are all married to wealthy and influential men and reside at Boise, as follows: Mrs. Hosea B. Eastman, Mrs. John D. Springer, Mrs. Timothy Regan, and Mrs. M. A. Regan. The son, Frank, is unmarried and resides in Silver City. Mr. Blackinger was a Mason, being in the order for over forty years prior to his death.

BRUCE, MR. ROBERT, was born in Ireland in 1842. He came to Owyhee county in 1864, and engaged in mining and subsequently stock raising, in which latter business he continued up to the time of his death. In October, 1892, he met with a fatal accident, by being thrown from his wagon while on his return from Silver City, to his ranch at Castle creek. His leg was fractured badly, and necessitated double amputation, but he sank steadily under the shock, and died at De Lamar, April 22, 1895. Was buried by the I. O. O. F. at Silver City, of which fraternity he was an honored member.

BRUNZELL, MR. FREDERICK, was born at Charlottenburg, Sweden, September 27, 1833. Left Sweden in 1855, crossing the isthmus, and arrived in California in the early part of that year. Mined in the placers near Hangtown for several years, and in 1863 followed the tide of immigration to Idaho, and opened a mercantile business at Boise basin, which he moved in the following year to Silver City. Continued in mercantile business at Silver City until 1877, when he retired, and was residing at Boise City until the opening of Giffey, when he opened business there, being a pioneer of that place and having erected the first building at that point.

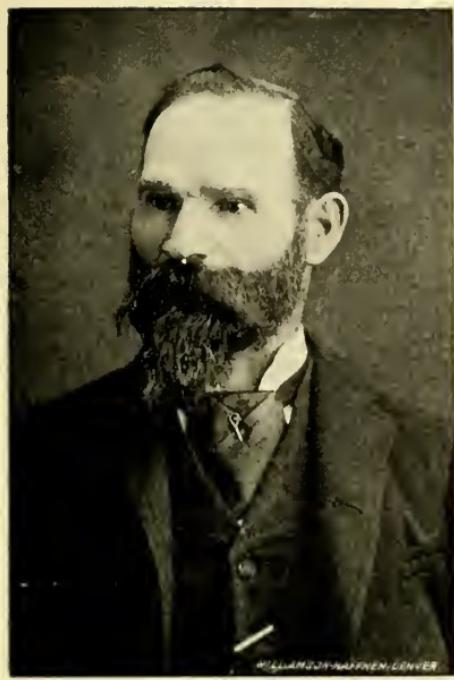
Mr. Brunzell is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and held a term as county commissioner in the early history of the county.

BRUNZELL, JAN MAGNUS, SR., was born at Charlottenburg, Sweden, August 14, 1836, and is a graduate of the Warpnas agricultural college of Sweden. Subsequent to his graduation, he was a sergeant in the army of Sweden, until 1868, when he resigned and emigrated to America, coming direct to Silver City, where he was connected with his brother Fred Brunzell for a couple of years, and then purchased the hotel at Booneville, and engaged in ranching at Reynolds creek, where he subsequently opened his well-known roadside resort.

On February 17, 1896, he disposed of his Booneville property to Colonel W. H. Dewey, but still continues his business at Reynolds, where in 1884 he secured the establishment of the postoffice, and has held the postmastership since its creation. He has also held the office of county commissioner for a term of two years, having been elected in 1888, and has also held several minor offices, having been census marshal in 1890.

Mr. Brunzell is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and also a Knight Templar of the Boise commandery.

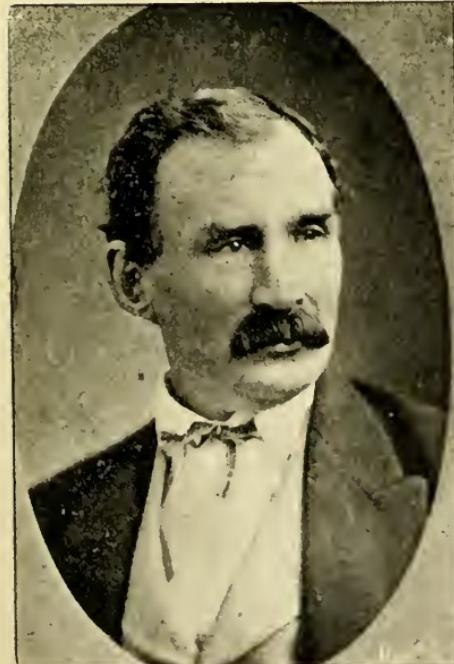
BRUNZELL, MR. JOHN M., JR., was born in Arveke, Sweden, February 25, 1840. He was educated in the schools of his native town, and at the age of twenty-one years joined the army, serving two years. Learned the



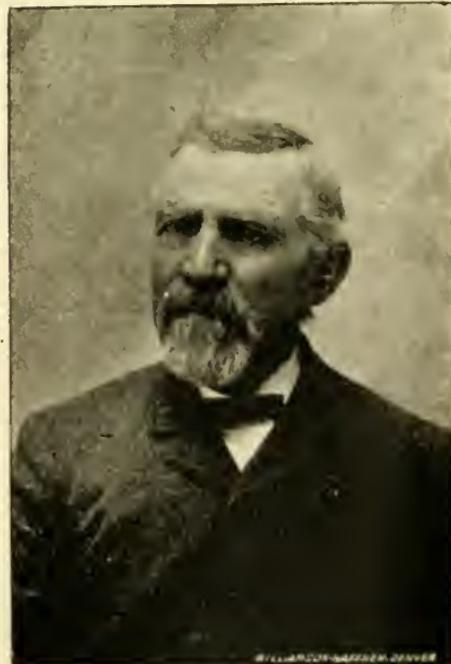
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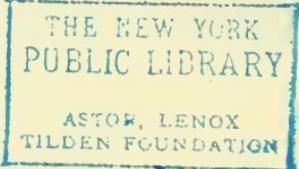
T. J. Butler.



John Catlow.



Peter Connors.



flour-milling business, at which he worked about fifteen years. Came to the United States and crossed the plains with mule teams in 1865, arriving in Ruby City in August of that year. Mr. Brunzell has followed various occupations during his residence here, and is counted one of the prominent and successful business men. He was married in 1889 to Mrs. Josephine M. Allen, of Silver City. Prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and treasurer of Silver City lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M.

BRUNZELL, MRS. JOSEPHINE MARIE, was born at Thorndhem, Norway, on March 14, 1849. Came to the United States and to Silver City in the fall of 1872, on a visit to her married sister, Mrs. F. Brunzell. She was married in 1874 to Mr. L. M. Allen, two children being born to them, viz., Fred, in 1875, and Julia, in 1877. Mr. Allen died in 1881. In 1889 she was married to Mr. John M. Brunzell, Jr., of Silver City. Mrs. Brunzell is a past grand of the Rebekah order.

BUTLER, MR. T. J., was born at Bedford, Ind., February 5, 1826, of Virginia and Kentucky parentage. Educated in the subscription and public schools of that early time in the Hoosier state, supplemented by one year's tuition at Woodward's academy, at Springville.

Began life as a clerk in a general merchandise store in Bedford, at about the age of eighteen years, varied by a trip each season to New Orleans on a flatboat, for the proprietor of the store, until the year 1849, when, at the age of twenty-three, he crossed the plains to California with an ox team, leaving Bedford on the first day of March, and reaching the Sacramento river at what is now Vina, in Tehama county, September 21, of that year; being between six and seven months on the way. Engaged in placer mining for about three years, or until the fall of 1852, when he began merchandising in the Bald hills, in Shasta county, in company with A. H. Webb. In 1854 the firm removed to Red Bluff, where after several years they dissolved partnership, and Butler became a salesman in the employ of Bull, Baker & Co., for a time, and afterwards did business on his own account until 1856, when, upon the organization of Tehama county, he was appointed the first county clerk of that county, to which position he was elected for a full term in 1857.

In 1862 he was elected to the legislature from Colusa and Tehama counties jointly, taking his seat in that body January 1, 1863, having, in the meantime, been appointed brigadier general of the Fifth brigade of the California militia by Governor Stanford. This was the longest term of the legislature ever held in California, being full five months. He participated in a session of the "school for the soldier," held at the encinal in Alameda county, in June, 1863, and at its close resigned his commission as brigadier general, and on the third of July of that year left Red Bluff for Idaho.

At Walla Walla he met his brother, John S. Butler, who had preceded him to that country, by way of John Day's river, in Oregon, the year before, and had been to Boise basin, and returned that far to meet his family, who also came at the same time from Red Bluff. Here they entered into partnership, purchased a printing press, type, etc., from Reese Bros., and proceeded

on to what was then Bannock City, where for nearly two years they published the Boise News, since known as the Idaho World.

In 1865 he took a pack train from Umatilla to Deer Lodge, in Montana, and during the winter of 1865-6 edited a paper at Helena, called the Radiator, for Jeff Favorite.

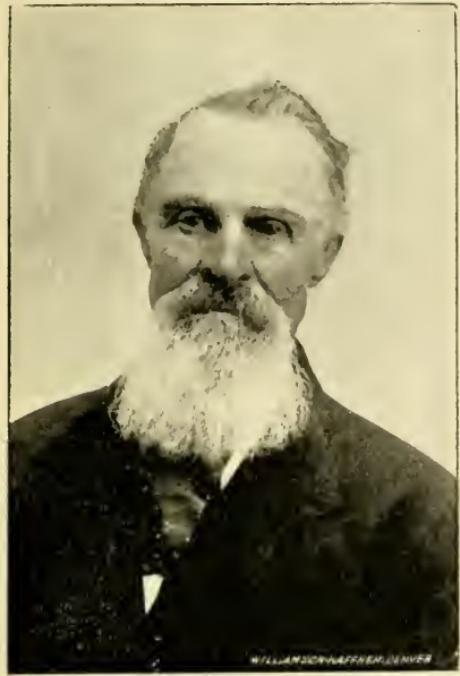
He returned to Idaho in the spring of 1866, and, in co-partnership with Job F. Dye and J. S. Butler, built a granite building on Washington street, Silver City, filled it with general merchandise, and kept store two or three years, until after the failure of several mining and milling companies with whom they did business, which compelled them to close the store and cease business, though they payed up every dollar they owed, either in Idaho or elsewhere. He was a member of the board of supervisors that contracted for building the first courthouse at Silver City. In 1868 he was the nominee of the republican party for delegate to congress, and was defeated by J. K. Shafer. In 1870 he was again nominated for congress by his party, but made no canvass, the republicans being hopelessly in the minority, and the nomination being regarded simply as complimentary. Sam Merritt was the successful candidate. During a trip from California to Owyhee county, in 1865, he, with quite a company of others, including Tom Ewing, was attacked by Indians at Jackson creek, near where Fort McDermit was afterwards established. The fight that ensued became quite noted at the time, and the prominent part that he took in it attracted considerable attention.

In 1870, even before the election in which he was the nominee of his party for congress, he left the territory and went to Elko, Nev., and took charge, as editor, of a campaign paper in the interest of Tittle for governor and Fitch for congress. The campaign being over, he returned in the fall to his old haunts in California, and started a forwarding house at Redding, in which he and his partner forwarded all the supplies to the troops engaged in the Modoc war, in 1873. At the close of the war he went to Oakland, California, for a time, and in December, 1874, went to Prescott, Arizona, where he still resides.

In the spring of 1875 he purchased the Arizona Miner, which he edited and published for about two years, when he sold it and became territorial treasurer by appointment of Governor Hoyt. At the close of the two years of this appointment, General Fremont, then governor of Arizona, renewed the appointment, and repeated it a second time, which carried it to the end of the governor's term, after which Governor Tittle appointed him to the same position twice, making, in all, five appointments of two years each, or ten years in all, from 1876 to 1886. In 1881 he married Miss Caroline E. Blake. In 1889 President Harrison appointed him receiver of public moneys for the northern district of Arizona, which position he held nearly five years.

During the past three years he has not been in business, but has traveled quite extensively in the United States. He is a member of the bar of the district court in Arizona, but has never engaged in practice; is past seventy one years old, and is taking the world easy.

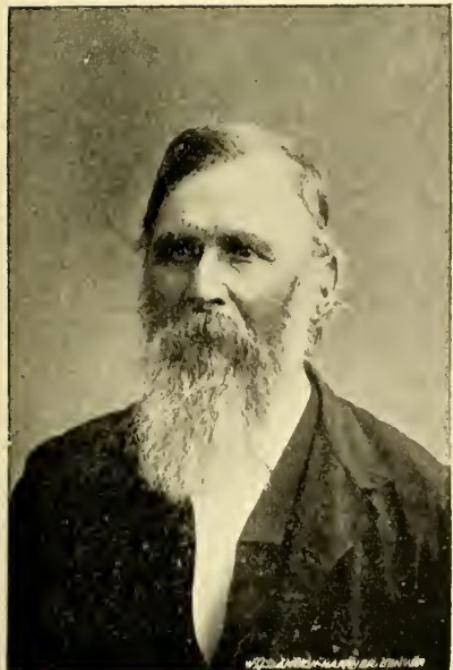
CATLOW, MR. JOHN, was born in Yorkshire, England, December 4, 1830. He came to the United States at the age of seventeen, landing at Boston,



*John H. Crocheron.*



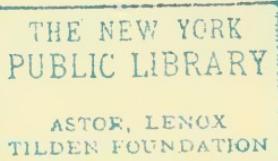
*Jacob Dellenbach.*



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*Mrs. William W. Dryden.*



where he found employment and remained two years. Then farmed in Illinois for about three years, and in 1852 crossed the plains for California, where he located in Honey Lake; engaged in mining there until the spring of 1864, when he left for Silver City. At Silver City he was engaged in butchering, mining, stable-keeping and woodhauling, until 1879. In 1875 and 1876 he and Colonel W. H. Dewey opened up the Black Jack mine, the output of which was considerable, but was expended in improvements. About that time he was of the wholesale butchering firm of Smith, Mann & Catlow, San Francisco, and also owned large cattle ranges in the Stein mountain country, and still has large holdings in that locality, where he now resides. He was interested with James G. Fair at the Flint district, and on one occasion saved the life of Fair by intervening between him and an infuriated blacksmith.

CLEGG, MR. PHILIP, was born on the Isle of Man, April 25, 1851. Came to Painesville, Ohio, in 1868, and to California in 1870. Followed ranching in California, and came to Silver City, Idaho, July 4, 1871. Engaged in mining, and worked in the Empire, Mahogany, Potosi, Black Jack and other well-known mines. Mr. Clegg has a ranch of some 360 acres in Pleasant valley, which he took up in 1872, and is engaged in the stock business. With the exception of a six months' visit to his old home at the Isle of Man, in 1882, Mr. Clegg has resided here continuously. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

CONNORS, MR. PETER, was born in Ireland, in July, 1822. Came to the United States in June, 1846, locating first in the state of Vermont. He was married on April 10, 1849, at New Orleans, La., and in September, 1852, arrived in California. Came to Silver City in July, 1866, but in the following September went to Virginia City, Nev., returning in March, 1868, to Silver City, where he has resided permanently since. Prior to 1875 he followed mining and milling, but that year he established a dairy at South Mountain. His wife died February 1, 1880. In 1882 he located a ranch on Trout creek, where he has since resided up till the past year, when he came to Silver City, and is now making his home with his son, John C. Connors. Mr. Connors bears the weight of his seventy-five years of useful life very easily, and is hale and hearty.

COOPER, MR. PRESLEY SAWYER, was born in Howard county, Missouri, November 27, 1842. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he entered the service of the Confederate army, enlisting in the Ninth Missouri cavalry of General Jo Shelby's corps, and participated in all of the engagements of that corps up to Little Rock, Arkansas, when he was taken prisoner, and kept in durance vile until the close of the war.

In 1871 he came West, and farmed in Baker county, Oregon, until the spring of 1874, when he located at Castle creek, where he has since permanently resided, engaged in ranching and stock raising.

Participated in the Indian fight at South mountain in June, 1878, being a member of Captain Harper's company, which was organized at Silver City.

CROCHERON, MR. JOHN HOLMES, was born in New York city, April 9, 1828. Received his schooling in Massachusetts, and clerked in New York until 1849, when he left for California in a sailing vessel, via Cape Horn, arriving at San Francisco June 27, 1849, thereby constituting himself a pioneer of California.

He has mined in all the prominent mining districts in California and Oregon, as well as one season in Cariboo. In 1863 he was mining in the Blue mountains, John Day country, and from there followed the crowd to Idaho City. He arrived at Silver City in the fall of 1867, worked in the New York mill for about eighteen months, when he purchased his ranch on Sinker creek, where he has since permanently resided.

Mr. Crocheron was married in 1859 to Miss M. J. Crow, of Longtom, Oregon, and their oldest son is Mr. A. B. Crocheron, the present genial sheriff of this county.

The Crocheron ranch is largely improved and well watered, and is one of the prettiest on Sinker creek, and the hospitalities of the same proverbial with those who have the good fortune to pass that way.

DELLENBACH, MR. JACOB, was born in 1841, in Lower Alsace, in a village about four miles from the city of Weisenburg. He emigrated to the United States in 1856, and worked on a farm in Illinois until the spring of 1859, when he made the acquaintance of Chris Studer, and, at the breaking out of the Pike's Peak excitement, they struck out for that place, crossing the plains with an ox team. Meeting with disappointment at Pike's Peak, they continued on to California, and located at Weaverville, where they engaged in placer mining. In 1865 together they came to Silver City, and took up a wood ranch until the summer of 1868, when, in partnership with Joseph C. Gross and Frank Schuster, they became the owners of the Blue Gulch gravel claim on Florida mountain. On June 10, 1877, he was caved on by a mass of gravel, weighing about a ton, falling about thirty feet. On being extricated it was found that his leg was broken below the knee, and that he had also received internal injuries which resulted in his demise the following Tuesday. He was buried June 14, 1877, at Silver City, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., of which he was an honored member. Mr. Dellenbach was an upright and honorable man, highly respected in the community, and left a host of friends to mourn his sad taking off.

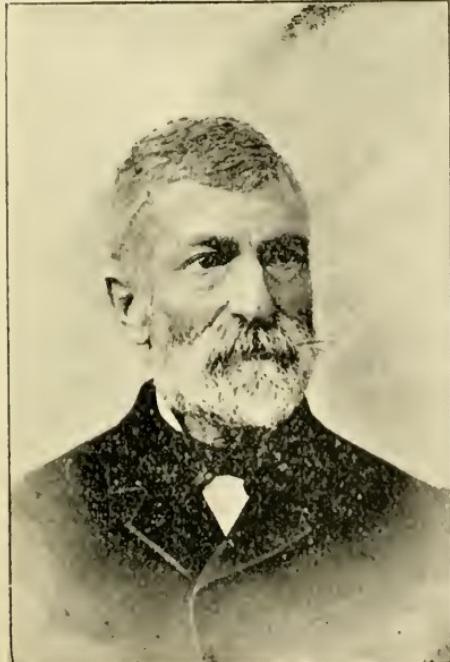
DEWEY, COLONEL W. H., was born in New York state in 1822, and came to Owyhee in the fall of 1863, to the then town of Ruby City; but owing to a "hog-em" real estate crowd in that town, he, in company with others, located a rival town—Silver City—the following spring, and eventually Ruby City moved up to the new location, bag and baggage. In April, 1864, Mr. Dewey built the first wagon road to Ruby and Silver, and in May of the same year started work on the Reynolds creek road. At the time of the South Mountain activity, from 1871 to 1875, he owned nearly one-half of that prosperous camp. For over twenty years past Mr. Dewey has been engaged in mine operating and promoting. He sold the Black Jack group to a Pittsburg company



*Colonel W. H. Dewey.*



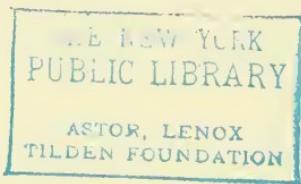
*William B. Ellison.*



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in 1889, and in 1892 disposed of the Trade Dollar group to another Pittsburg company. Both of these properties have proven fabulously rich, and are large and constant dividend payers. In 1895 he organized a company upon the Boonville group of mines, on Florida mountain, and in 1896 extensive improvements were made upon the property; but, with the exception of a short run to test the mill machinery, the property has been closed, with the exception of a prospecting force. Considerable valuable ground has been blocked out in the mine, and orders to resume work on a large scale are expected at any time. In 1896 Mr. Dewey incorporated the Boise, Nampa & Owyhee railroad, and started work on the same. It connects with the Oregon Short Line and Idaho Central railways at Nampa; at present has its terminus at Guffey, in Owyhee county. The present season will see it well up into the Owyhee mountains. The bridge across Snake river (illustrated in this book) is one of the finest steel structures in the West. Mr. Dewey has other large mining and property interests in this county, and notwithstanding his advanced age, seventy-five years past, is recognized as one of the leading spirits in public improvement and development. Much of the prosperity of Owyhee is due to his untiring energy and labor in this section's behalf.

DONNELLY, MR. PETER, was born in the County Longford, Ireland, October 31, 1833. He left Ireland in 1840, with his parents, who settled in Rhode Island. In 1852 he struck out for California, and was for several years engaged in mining at all of the prominent diggings. In February, 1863, he arrived at Idaho City, and in June, 1863, came with the second party to Owyhee county, camping on "Hog's Back," situated on Jordan creek, near what is now known as De Lamar, and since that date has been mining, prospecting and saloon keeping, with varied success, having in the '70s large holdings at South mountain. In 1865, under charter from the legislature, he owned and built the road from Silver City to Jordan valley, Oregon.

DRYDEN, MR. WILLIAM WALLACE, was born in Whitney county, Kentucky, March 28, 1818, and moved to Linn county, Missouri, in 1832, and in 1850 was married to Miss Martha Ellen Reynolds. In 1864, accompanied by his family, he came to Idaho, and settled at first at Middleton, and from there moved to Reynolds creek in 1869, being one of four of the earliest settlers in that locality. He engaged in ranching, in which he continued up to about ten years ago, when he retired from active life and took up his residence at Caldwell. He departed this life at Nampa, April 21, 1897, and was buried beside his wife at Reynolds cemetery. Mr. Dryden was the father of twelve children, seven of whom are living, one of whom being Mrs. C. E. Share, of Reynolds. He was a kindhearted, cheerful gentleman, and will long be remembered in this county by his sobriquet of "Father Dryden."

DRYDEN, MRS. MARTHA ELLEN, nee Reynolds, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, January 1, 1830. At an early age her parents removed to Linn county, Missouri, where in 1850 she was united by marriage to William Wallace Dryden, and in 1864 accompanied her husband to Idaho, where they settled at first at Middleton, and moved from there to Reynolds creek in 1869,

where she resided up to the time of her death, which occurred January 20, 1884, and her remains were interred in Reynolds cemetery.

Mrs. Dryden was an estimable lady, loved and respected by all who knew her, and her loss was mourned by a large number of relatives and a wide circle of acquaintances.

She was the mother of Mrs. Charles E. Share, the genial hostess of the Share's stage house, at Reynolds.

ELLISON, MR. WILLIAM B., was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1832. Went to California in 1852, via Cape Horn, and came to Boise basin in 1865. In 1867 he arrived at Silver City, where he has since almost continuously resided. Quartz milling is his profession, and he is acknowledged to have few superiors in that line.

ENSIGN, MR. FRANCIS E., was born at Painsville, Ohio, and when six years old removed with his parents to Williams county, which was at that time almost a wilderness, containing a few white settlers and many Indians. Got his elementary education in a log schoolhouse in the woods, but afterward studied at the Western Reserve collegiate institute, Austinburg, Ashtabula county, Ohio, and subsequently a year at Oberlin college. His health failing, he was compelled to abandon his hopes of a collegiate education, and went to sea and spent a year before the mast as a common sailor, and recovered his health. His ocean life terminated at San Francisco, February 1, 1854. Worked two months on a dairy farm, milking cows and digging ditches, then situated several miles distant from San Francisco, but which is now in the heart of the city. In the ensuing month of May went to the French gulch placer mines, in Shasta county, and then to Siskiyou county, and mined on McAdams and Indian creek, and in Scott's valley about four years. Did well the first three years, but lost all by high floods in the winter of 1857-8. In 1858 was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law at Yreka, and continued in practice there eight years. Six years of the time was district attorney of Siskiyou county. In 1866 left California and came to Idaho, and practiced his profession twelve years at Silver City, Owyhee county. In 1868 was elected a member of the territorial council of Idaho from Owyhee county, and was chairman of the judiciary committee of the council at the fifth session of the Idaho legislature. In 1872 failed by one vote of being nominated delegate to congress by the democratic territorial convention. Was elected three times district attorney of the third (southern) judicial district, including all of Southern Idaho south and east of Boise and Alturas counties, holding the office six years, from 1872 to 1878. In 1876 was married to Miss Margaret Reid, at Silver City. In 1878 moved to Boise City, and practiced law there for three years. In 1881, on account of sickness in his family, moved to Hailey, then in Alturas county, and has been engaged there ever since in the practice of his profession. In 1889-90 was chairman of the democratic territorial committee. After the new constitution was adopted in 1890, was nominated by the democratic party as one of its candidates for justice of the supreme court, and received the largest vote of any of the democratic candidates for that office. In 1892 was again nominated for that office, but shared the fate of his ticket.



*George D. Gardner.*



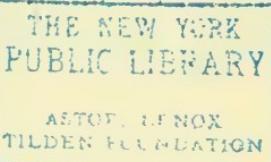
*George W. Gilmore.*



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*Mrs. Withimina Grete.*



FEOUR, MR. DANIEL, was born in Aroostook county, Maine, on June 9, 1850. Came to California via Isthmus of Panama in 1865, engaging in the mining business. Mined in California until 1869, when he went to White Pine, Nevada, and from there to the Squaw creek and Victoria excitements in Washington and British Columbia. Came to Owyhee in 1875, where he has since resided, although he has prospected in different sections of the state since that time. Mr. Feour has been a successful prospector, having sold the St. John mine in 1879 to the Henrietta company, the Colorado group of three claims in 1894 to the Trade Dollar Mining & Milling Company, and the Comstock to the Florida Mountain Company in 1895. In 1896 he negotiated the deal whereby the Humboldt group, owned by John Feour and Taylor Gearhart, was sold to the last-named company. Mr. Feour was married in 1895 to Miss Sallie Catlow, of Silver City. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

FOGUS, COLONEL D. H., now residing in San Francisco, who was of the firm of More & Fogus, Silver City, and is well known to all old timers, furnishes us with the following reminiscences. He says as follows: "I was one of the twenty-eight men who wintered the first winter at Oro Fino. We built the first cabins at Pierce City.... I grub staked the first man who panned out the first gold at Florence, and also staked the first prospector who found gold on the Powder and Burnt river districts, and followed him over the mountains in March, 1862, the crowd following me. On June 28, 1862, I panned out the first gold on Sinker creek, Owyhee county, on a little knoll about fifty feet below where Diamond gulch enters into Sinker creek, and the holes I made may still be seen, and some of the men who were with me are still alive to verify what I say. I went there on the representation of a man, who said he had a nephew who had been with a party on the creek in 1847, and that they had found gold so plentiful that they pounded it out on their wagon tires to make sinkers for their fish lines, thereby giving the creek its present name. I also discovered the first gold in Boise basin on August 2, 1862, being one of the twelve, three of whom were with me at Sinker creek."

GARDNER, MR. GEORGE DENNISON, was born in Connecticut, in 1826, and at an early age his parents located in Sandusky county, Ohio. Was engaged in agricultural pursuits in various parts of the West until the opening of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in the Thirteenth Iowa United States volunteers, and served his full term, receiving an honorable discharge. In 1864 he crossed the plains for Idaho, and arrived at Boise City September 3, 1864. In 1870 he located at Reynolds creek, where he engaged in stock-raising and ranching. He departed this life December 13, 1886, leaving a wife, son and daughter. His daughter, Mrs. Frank Howard, still resides on the home ranch.

Mr. Gardner was an upright and honorable man, possessed of great force of character, and of a disposition which won him many friends.

GILMORE, MR. GEORGE WASHINGTON, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1834. When seven years old his parents moved to

Mercer county, Illinois, and there he remained, engaged in farming, until 1858. In 1858 he crossed the plains, having a rough trip, devoted mainly to bull teaming and Indian fighting. He arrived at Snelling's, California, September 25, 1858, and for about a year was mining in various parts of California. From 1859 to 1863 he handled the reins for the California Stage Company and Pioneer stage line, between Virginia City, Nevada, and Nevada City, California. In 1864 he arrived at Silver City, and was engaged in the butchering business until 1866. From 1866 to 1871 he was deputy sheriff and United States deputy marshal, and from 1871 to 1876 ran a stage from Silver City to Fairview. He then ran a stage line from Silver City to Tuscarora, Nevada, and in 1878 discontinued it and located a ranch on Sinker creek, where he has since permanently resided.

Mr. Gilmore is an old and prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and represented Owyhee county in the ninth session of the territorial legislature of Idaho.

GOFF, MR. JACOB, was born in Green county, Kentucky, September 18, 1842. Was raised on the Mississippi river, his father having been a mate on the old steamboat "Continental." Up to the opening of the war, he was steamboating and railroading. During the rebellion he was a member of the Twenty-fifth Iowa, and participated in the engagements at Shiloh, Pea Ridge and Vicksburg. Becoming invalided he was honorably discharged, and in 1864 arrived at Silver City, where up to 1874 he was engaged in the livery stable business and freighting between this point and Boise City. In 1878 he engaged in ranching, which occupation he has since followed. Is a member of Silver City Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and at one time held the office of constable at Silver City.

GRETE, MR. FREDERICK, SR., was born at Hanover, Germany, in August, 1833. Came to the United States in 1853, and went to California via Isthmus of Panama, on the steamer "John L. Stevens," in 1858. Resided there until '65, when he came to Silver City, and engaged in dentistry. In 1886 he erected the Owyhee brewery, which has been in continuous operation since. He was married in California in 1862, to Miss Wilhimina Kornmann. Issue of married life, six children, three of whom are now living, as follows: Charles H., Edward F., and Mrs. Ida Moe, all of Silver City. Mr. Grete is an old and highly respected member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows fraternity.

GRETE, MRS. WILHIMINA, was born in New York city in 1843, and went to California in 1861 in company with her sister, Mrs. John Grete. She was united in marriage to Mr. Frederick Grete, Sr., in 1862, and removed with her husband to Silver City in 1865. Mrs. Grete is a Past Noble Grand in the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship, a member of St. James' Guild, and has always been one of the foremost in charitable work.

GRETE, JOHN, SR., was born at Hanover, Germany, on April 25, 1832. Came to the United States in 1849, locating at New York city. He



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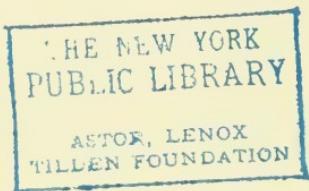
*Mrs. Mary Grete.*



*Joseph C. Gross*



*John Hallenbeck*



was married in 1856 to Miss Mary Kornmann, of New York. He moved to California in 1861. Leaving his family there, in 1862 he went on a prospecting tour into Oregon, being one of the discoverers of the famous placer diggings at Canyon City. In the fall of 1862 he came to Idaho, going first to Boise Basin, and the following autumn coming to Silver City; his family joining him that fall. In June, 1864, he opened a bakery in Silver City, and conducted boarding-houses, mined and engaged in other business, until 1878, when he purchased the War Eagle hotel from V. Blackinger, and has since conducted that popular hostelry. Mr. Grete is a prominent member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. societies.

GRETE, MRS. MARY, was born in New York City in 1841. In 1856 she was married to Mr. John Grete, Sr., and in 1861 accompanied her husband to California. During the following two years, when Mr. Grete was prospecting in Oregon and Idaho, she remained in California, joining him in Silver City, in the fall of 1863. They have been blessed with six children, three boys and three girls, as follows: August, Fred and John; and Mrs. Louisa Brooks, of Butte, Montana; and Mrs. Alfred Hicks and Mrs. Dr. J. Weston, of Silver City. Mrs. Grete is the popular hostess of the War Eagle hotel, and to her efforts is due much of the popularity of that popular house.

GROSS, JOSEPH C., was born in Province Neustadt Hesse Nassau, Germany, February 18, 1835. At the age of fourteen, accompanied by an uncle, he came to the United States, where he learned the shoemaker trade. In November, 1851, his cousin, Charles A. Gross, returned from California, and with him he left for the "Golden Gate," December 22, 1851, on the steamer "El Dorado." They landed at Chagres and boated up the river to a place called Gorguna, and from thence overland to Panama. Panama was filled with gold hunters, the fever prevalent and epidemic, with large mortality, everybody alarmed and anxious to leave. There being only one steamer, the "New World," in port, and several thousand persons anxious to get away at any cost, he sold his ticket at considerable of an advance, remained at Panama, and worked as waiter in the New Orleans restaurant until the following February, when he secured a passage on a French sailing vessel named the "Cinq Freres." Shortly after their departure from port, the fever broke out, and out of ninety passengers thirty-three were consigned to the deep, but the balance, after many hardships, arrived safely at San Francisco, April 9, 1852. He engaged in mining with varied success until 1864, when he struck out for Montana, but, stopping at Silver City, where he found an old partner, concluded to remain. He mined on Jordan creek with good results, and in 1867, in partnership with Chris Steuder, Jacob Dillenbach and Frank Shuster, purchased the Blue Gulch claims for \$12,500.00, and also purchased the water right of John Sullivan for \$4,000.00. In 1876 he disposed of his interest to Steuder and Dillenbach, Shuster having sold out previously. He then engaged in quartz mining until 1881, when he accepted the position of clerk at the War Eagle hotel, where at the present date his "honest phiz" is heartily welcomed by the patrons of that hostelry, being assured that their physical comforts will be carefully looked after by "Joe."

Mr. Gross is a prominent member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities, his membership in the I. O. O. F. dating from 1870, and the Masons from 1871, and in both orders he has had the honor of having filled some of the highest offices.

HALLENBECK, MR. JOHN, whose portrait appears upon this page, furnishes us with the following interesting narrative of his life, which we present to our readers in its original language:

"I was born in Albany, New York, October 24, 1830, and at an early age my parents removed five miles east of Syracuse, New York, to a small town called Orville, locating forty acres of land. In my early boyhood I was instructed in farming, and schooled during the winter, and while yet a tender youth engaged in and soon controlled a grocery store at the mouth of Orville (feeder on the Erie canal), where I remained about three years, so much in the confidence of my employer that you may say I controlled the management of the business. The state was building an aqueduct at that place, and the house boarded all of the officers of the enterprise. The superintendent took quite a fancy to me, and at the completion of the works he went to the Delaware & Chesapeake canal as superintendent, it being a canal connecting the Delaware river and Chesapeake bay. He soon sent for me, and I left the old grocery for Albany by rail, at which place I took passage on a steam propeller down the Hudson river to New York, from there up the Raritan river to New Brunswick, where we entered the Delaware & Raritan canal, passing through to Bordentown, to the famous Delaware river; down its waters to Philadelphia, where we changed steamers for the Delaware & Chesapeake canal, where I was employed until its completion. The work consisted of enlarging three locks, one at the Delaware entrance, one at St. George, about midway, and the other at the north end of the canal, into Black creek or Chesapeake bay. My work consisted in overseeing the construction of the large reservoir adjoining the exit lock. After the completion of the work, accompanied by a co-laborer named Rowe, I took passage on a steam propeller and visited Baltimore, Norfolk, Richmond and Washington, sojourning at the latter place a while, taking in the sights, including the Washington monument, which I ascended as far as then completed. I then returned home via Baltimore and Philadelphia, where, after remaining a few days, I received a communication from my friend Hamilton, requesting me to come to Buffalo, where he was superintending the enlarging of the Erie canal, at Black rock. On the completion of the work, a year later, I returned to Weedsport, New York, where I was employed in the same capacity for two years, with one Charles Reed, one of nature's noblemen. I worked for him as foreman a short time, and then we contracted together, made money, but spent it quite as freely. Then, as the work there was nearly completed, I went into the engineer's corps, as leveler, on the enlargement, during the fall of 1858.

"The Pike's Peak excitement then broke out, and I concluded to try my chances as a miner; so in the following spring I and a fellow named Benham left for the West. Benham did not have any money, and he made me the proposition that if I would take him with me that he would give me one-half of what he might earn or make for two years, to which I agreed, and



*William Hamilton.*



*William Hardiman.*



*Patrick Hardiman.*



*Simon Harris.*

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in March, 1859, we left Weedsport for Illinois, where my parents then resided, and there we engaged our passages on ox teams bound for "Pike's Peak or bust," with two parties for Port Byron named Duffee and Addison. While I was with my people preparing for the trip, I was accidentally shot through my right arm, which laid me up a few weeks; and long before my arm was well I had to start, as the parties could wait no longer, they having waited then some days. So, with regrets and the prayers of my friends, I launched out for the El Dorado, and through mud, snow, slush, bad roads, a six weeks' trip through Iowa, storms innumerable, we arrived at the Missouri river, at Plattsmouth, where we met the tide returning and the diggings proclaimed a humbug. I almost forgot to mention that, in crossing Iowa, we traveled most of the time in a train of Wisconsin boys, a band of musicians, who were a jolly crowd, and their captain's name was George Pierce, who had been across the plains several times. This party left home for California direct—no Pike's Peak in theirs. They went to Council Bluffs, while we went down the river twenty-five miles.

"Well, as soon as the Peak was pronounced a humbug, our captains of the ox teams got sick and turned about, refusing to refund us our passage money; but I brought them to terms, and as we did not want to return, we concluded to overtake our California friends:—We went to the stage office at Glenwood, twenty-five miles distant from Council Bluffs, and engaged passage. The stage came into Glenwood at 12:30, and left at 1:00, but was overloaded and could not carry us; and, as we were anxious to make all speed possible, so as to overtake the Californians, we concluded to foot it to the Bluffs, a twenty-five mile walk over rolling prairie and a moonlight night. The stage kindly took over our little baggage, and we, each with our rifles over our shoulders, struck out. It was 1:00 in the morning when we left Glenwood, and at 8:00 o'clock the following morning we were at the Bluffs; and I was so tired that, although hungry, I could not eat, but took a cup of coffee and ordered a hack to take us to the river. When we clambered up the bluffs at Omaha, the California party were just pulling out for the long trip across the plains. There were twenty wagons in the outfit, fifty-seven men, three women, and a few children, and the party was commanded by Captain George Pierce. I engaged passage to Hangtown for the two of us, paying \$120.00. We could ride all the way in a special wagon, fitted up for ten persons, as passengers, and all we had to do was to take our turn standing guard, my turn coming once a week. Our trip across the plains was full of exciting scenes, Indians and stampedes, stampedes and Indians, for nearly three and a half months, and we arrived at Placerville on September 8, 1859, having left Omaha May 22, 1859. After stopping a week at Placerville, we all left together for Sacramento, where we remained a week, and I went through at Rondo, borrowed \$20 from Captain Pierce, and we struck out for San Francisco, and from there to Portland, by steamer Panama, arriving there at the time when General Scott was on his way to settle the San Juan affair (54 degrees 40 minutes, or fight). I had all the money for the two of us (\$5.10), and we went to the Columbia hotel to board, where one of the proprietors told us we could stop until we obtained work; but I soon saw that we were piling up a debt that would have to be paid some day, so I said to Benham that we must go to work at something, and, nothing else showing, I pur-

chased an outfit for wood-chopping, on credit, and took an empty cabin in the Penitentiary gulch, and commenced. The first week we two together cut thirteen cords; then my partner, not being satisfied with his lot (being opposed to hard labor), concluded he would return to California, where he had a brother somewhere, so he left me, after I divided my blankets with him, taking steerage passage to California, and I never heard of him afterwards.

"The next week, alone, I put up thirteen cords of wood, at \$1.75 per cord, making money pretty fast, and all the time in Oregon mist. After about one month, I obtained a position in Abrams & Hogue's saw mill, tail sawing, then turning screws; and in the spring of 1860 the sawyer left, and Abrams told me I must take the saw, he keeping the saws in order and I sawing out the bills that he brought in; and I got along well until the spring of 1861, when I left him for the Oro Fino mines, where I worked all summer, and returned to Portland for the winter. In the spring of 1862, I, together with Kirkpatrick, George Hay, and a lot of others, crossed the Blue mountains and discovered the camp where Auburn, Oregon, is now located; but, not liking the prospects, I went from there to Walla Walla, Lewiston and Florence, and after a short stay there I went across the country, by way of Clearwater, to Orc Fino, where I purchased a claim, made some money, and in the fall returned to Portland, where I laid around awhile, when Mr. Abrams asked me if I did not want a job; I said yes, as it was getting monotonous, and he sent me to The Dalles to tend his office and lumber yard. In the spring he offered to take me in as a partner, but I could see nothing but a good raise in the mines, so I put out for Auburn again, and when I arrived there the excitement was Boise basin and the Owyhee mines. I reached Owyhee county March 22, 1864, and here I am. Oldtimers know the rest. Yours truly, JOHN HALLENBECK."

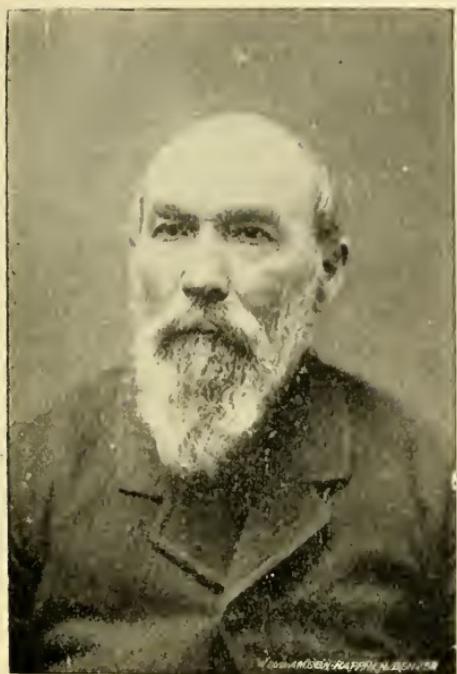
HAMILTON, MR. WILLIAM, was born in Sandusky City, Ohio, August 28, 1835. His parents moved to Jacksonville, Illinois, when he was about six years old, and he remained there until he was twenty-three years old, mainly engaged in farming.

In 1858 he went to California, arriving at Honey Lake valley in the fall of that year, and engaged in the cattle business. In 1866 he arrived in Owyhee county, and was for several years engaged in delivering cattle for Hoffer & Miller, at Silver City.

In 1880 he located at Reynolds creek and engaged in ranching. From 1884 to 1887 he was in the livery-stable business at Silver City, but since that time his health has been impaired, and he has not actively been engaged in any business. At present resides at Democrat, where he holds the position of accountant with D. D. McDonald.

Is not a member of any societies, but served as county commissioner of the third district during the term of 1885-6.

HARDIMAN, MR. WILLIAM, was born in county Clare, Ireland, November 4, 1841, and left that country in March, 1854, arriving at New Orleans May 2, 1854. Secured a position as clerk in a grocery house, and devoted his spare time to study. Clerked in various parts of the South, prin-



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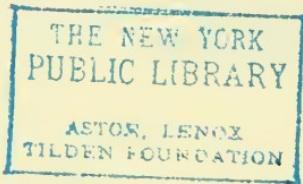
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*Richard S. Hawes.*



*Charles M. Hays.*



cipally at New Orleans, until 1861, when he was appointed messenger with the Southern Express Company, running from New Orleans to Houston, Texas, which position he held until the capture of New Orleans, in 1862. He then clerked for about a year, and left New Orleans November 27, 1863, bound for California via New York, and arrived at San Francisco December 14, 1863, where he clerked for Ackerman Bros. until the fall of 1865, when he started for Idaho, arriving at Silver City September 9, 1865. He at once engaged in the general merchandise business, under style of "William Hardiman," which he successfully continued until 1884, when he closed out the same. He then engaged in the stockraising business at his ranches on Pickett, Castle and Boulder creeks, which he has since continued, in partnership with his brother, Patrick, under the style of Hardiman Bros.

Mr. Hardiman was married in San Francisco, on June 1, 1874, to Miss Mary Hosmer Smith. His wife and five children, three sons and two daughters, reside in San Francisco. They have one child buried in Silver City.

He is a successful merchant and one of the leading citizens of the county, honored and respected, and of high commercial probity.

HARDIMAN, MR. PATRICK, was born in the county Galway, Ireland, near the town of Ballinasloe, in the month of March 1843. Was engaged in farming up to 1860, when he left that country for America, coming direct to Silver City, where he arrived July 10, 1860. Clerked for his brother, William Hardiman, for about six years, when he engaged in stockraising, in which he was joined by his brother a few years subsequent.

He is of the firm of Hardiman Brothers, well-known stockmen of this county, and is highly honored and respected by those who have had the good fortune to make his acquaintance.

HARRIS, MR. SIMON, was born in Southwestern Wisconsin, near Mineral Point, on April 18, 1851, and at an early age worked in the lead mines at that place. Emigrated to Idaho in 1872, arriving in Silver City about the sixteenth of October, and went to work in the mines on War Eagle mountain. Worked in the Golden Chariot in 1873-4, when it was a great producer. Stock went up to \$22.00 to \$24.00 per share. Miners were paid by the foot in drilling, and the old mountain was booming. He was elected president of the Fairview Miners' Union in March, 1875, and six months later that organization boasted of 1,500 members in good standing. Mr. Harris was treasurer of the union the following term. Was married in Silver City on December 5, 1880, and a few weeks later left for Arizona, remaining there a short time, and then visited Washington, D. C., and his old Wisconsin home. In July, 1881, he took charge of the Black Jack mine for a short time, and was foreman of the Trade Dollar mine from 1892 to August, 1893, when he quit and went East, taking in the World's Fair at Chicago, and the sights at Washington, returning in May, 1894. At the general election in 1896, Mr. Harris was elected a justice of the peace of Silver City. At the formation of the Silver City Miners' Union in August, 1896, he was elected vice-president of the same, and to the office of recording secretary in 1897. Mr. Harris joined Iowa Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Wisconsin, in September, 1872, and received the third, fourth and fifth

degrees after his arrival at Silver City, in Owyhee Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., which he afterwards joined, and which he represented in the Grand Lodge in 1888. In November, 1875, he was a representative to the Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., from Fairview. Mr. Harris is also a Mason, serving Silver City Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M., as W. M. in 1892, and Cyrus Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., as M. E. H. P. in 1897.

HARLEY, MR. WILLIAM S., was born in Lincoln county, Maine, September 15, 1821. When a boy his parents moved to Ohio, and subsequently to Illinois. At the age of twenty he went to Missouri, where for about nine years he was overseer over 1,000 negroes on the plantation of his uncle, William Hunt, and during that time was also the plantation physician. In 1851 he returned to Illinois, and was married to Miss America Leadley. In 1852 he crossed the plains with his family, and settled in Southern Oregon, engaging in the dairy business. In 1861 he moved to Florence, Idaho, and in 1864 went to Idaho City, where he engaged in the dairy business. In the fall of 1865 he was elected a representative to the territorial legislature, the first session held in the territory. In the fall of 1873 he moved to Silver City. Was for eight years consecutively county assessor and tax collector, from 1879 to 1887. In 1890 he moved to Bruneau valley and engaged in farming and stockraising, and served as county commissioner for the third district for the term of 1891-2. He departed this life January 11, 1894, at Mountain Home. He was the father of Mrs. F. M. St. Clair, and Mrs. John McCabe (deceased), of Silver City; Mrs. George T. Miller and Mrs. Sol Walters, of California; Mrs. Green White, of Boise City; Mrs. W. F. Sommercamp, of Weiser; and Mrs. J. D. Whitson and Miss Ida Harley, and Messrs. A. J. and Will Harley, of Bruneau valley.

HASTINGS, MR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, in the year 1848, and in 1852, with his parents, he removed to California, where he received his early education, finishing it in Europe. He came to Owyhee county in 1868, and spent about a year in mining. He then returned to San Francisco, and accepted the position of receiving teller in the banking house of John Sime & Company. During the Pioche excitement in 1870, he followed the crowd, and spent about four years in that locality. In 1875 he returned to Silver City, and has been here ever since. In 1886 he was elected sheriff of the county, and at the expiration of his term was re-elected. Last election he was elected to the position of state mine inspector with a large plurality.

HEIDELBERGER, MR. SAM., was born July 6, 1845, in Philadelphia, Pa. Attended the public schools until twelve years of age, when he commenced clerking. Went to California in February, 1862, leaving for Portland, Or., in July of the same year, where he clerked and kept store until February, 1864, when he went to Pioneer City, Boise basin, and opened a store there. Came to Silver City in June, 1866, with a capital of one Mexican dollar, which he still retains for a pocket piece. Peddled chickens and vegetables and worked at odd times as "devil" in the Avalanche office. Opened store first in Silver City in 1872, but lost heavily in mining stocks that season. Suffered



W. J. HILL.

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severe losses in book accounts again in 1876, by the closing of the big mines. After a hard struggle against heavy odds, Mr. Heidelberger has worked up to the front rank of merchandising, and has a large store and varied stock. He was married in February, 1879, to Miss Louise Block, of Boise. He is a member of both the Masonic and Independent Order of Odd Fellows societies.

HILL, W. J. Prominent among the adventurous spirits in the early sixties, who blazed the way for civilization and subsequent statehood amid the wilds of Idaho, was W. J. Hill, remembered by old-timers as "Old Hill," although when that appellation became attached to him he was little more than a beardless boy. He was born of Scotch parentage, near Prescott, Canada West, in 1840, and came to the Pacific coast in 1862, going that spring to the famous Caribou gold fields and traversing the now world-renowned Klondike region thirty-five years before any one dreamed of the fabulous riches that lay concealed beneath its frost and snow.

Returning to California, he crossed the Sierras to the mining camp of Esmeralda, Nevada, in the spring of 1863; thence to Salt Lake City and on to Boise Basin, arriving at West Bannock (now Idaho City) in August, 1863, where he participated in the stirring scenes enacted there that fall and winter, and mined in Bear gulch, a short distance above the town. After working out his claim there, he came over to Owyhee at the beginning of summer in 1864, and associated himself with Jared Lockwood and Frank Cable, who had located ranches in Jordan Valley, about twenty-five miles from Silver City.

That summer he was one of the one hundred and fifty volunteers who went out on the trail of the Indian murderers of Jordan, after whom Jordan Valley was named. They overtook the Indians on the Upper Owyhee, where the savages, expecting pursuit, had fortified themselves in the rocks and bluffs on each side of the river. There were several hundred of the Indians, and, in the bloody battle that ensued, two of the whites were killed and Hill received a bullet through his left thigh, which caused him to walk by the aid of a crutch all summer. The Indians were dislodged and a hundred or so of them were left dead on the battlefield.

That winter Hill and his partners built the first livery stable in Silver City, packing in hay from Jordan Valley on mules and cayuses and selling it to the quartz-haulers for three hundred dollars a ton.

In 1865, 1866 and 1867 he kept what was known as "Hill's ferry," on the Owyhee river, at the junction of the old Chico and Humboldt roads, sixty miles from Silver City. While thus engaged, his thrilling adventures and single-handed fights with the Indians would make an interesting volume, in which fact would rival the fiction of a border novel. He was wounded many times, but he seemed to bear a charmed life, and the Indians became superstitious over their inability to kill him. They thought the palefaced chief with the "big canoe" was some sort of a "bad medicine man" who was proof against their bullets and arrows.

It was here that our hero obtained the sobriquet of "Old Hill," a title which has clung to him ever since and which was originally bestowed upon

him by those who did not know him personally, but supposed him to be some tough old case of a mountaineer.

In 1867, Hill and Henry Millard purchased the Owyhee Avalanche from John and Joe Wasson, running it with Hill as editor until 1870, when he purchased his partner's interest and became sole proprietor of the paper. In 1875 he started the Daily Avalanche, the first daily paper in Idaho, the press upon which it was printed being the first steam press in the territory.

Mr. Hill was largely instrumental in building the telegraph line from Winnemucca to Silver City, and paid three hundred dollars a month for the telegraph news for his paper.

While here he was elected county clerk, and subsequently sheriff and tax collector, performing the duties of those positions with honor to himself and credit to his constituents. Although Owyhee was a strong democratic county, yet so great was his popularity that any position within the gift of the people he could have had for the asking.

He was a man of wide and varied information, and, in addition to his acquirements in English, was a French and Spanish scholar. He wielded a trenchant pen, and was possessed of a vein of genuine Western humor, his witty paragraphs in the Avalanche being copied and commented upon by the press far and wide.

In 1873 Mr. Hill took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Belle Peck, a charming and accomplished young lady. No special invitations were given for the occasion. Everybody expected to attend "Old Hill's" wedding, and did so. The Idaho Hotel and Masonic hall were chartered for the occasion, and it was a gay time in old Silver that night. Governor Bennett came over from Boise City and tied the knot. Mr. Hill's wife was born in California, and didn't take kindly to the snows of Owyhee, and longed for the sunny clime and fragrant flowers of her native state; so when the mining collapse came, in 1876, they went to California and located at Salinas, where they have been ever since, engaged in the newspaper business. Their only child, William C. Hill, who was born in Silver City, and is now twenty-three years of age, is his father's assistant in the office. Since he took up his abode in California, Mr. Hill has represented his district in the state senate during three sessions of the legislature, and has been mayor of Salinas City for six years.

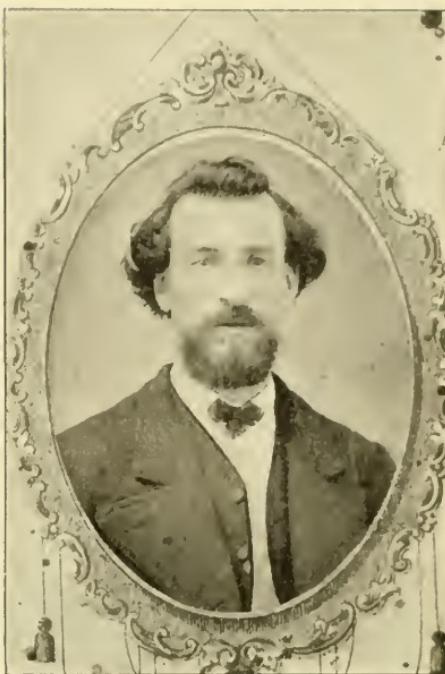
An old Idahoan, who recently visited Hill at his home in California, says that he keeps his trusty old "Henry" rifle as a souvenir of his life in Idaho, and would not part with it at any price. Its stock is splintered from bullets fired by Indians in battles where many a one of them was sent to the happy hunting grounds.

As known here, W. J. Hill was a splendid specimen of physical manhood—six feet high, straight as an arrow, active as a cat, brave as a lion and generous to a fault.

"Old Hill's" name will be cherished and his deeds rehearsed around hearth-stone and campfire so long as any of the old pioneers of Owyhee remain above the sod.



*David B. Hyde.*



*Charles C. Johnstone.*



*Richard Z. Johnson.*



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The following tribute paid to Hill by a brother journalist (Jud Boyakin) when he left Idaho, in 1876, will serve to show the estimation in which he was held here:

"Mr. Hill has spent ten or twelve of the best years in his life in assisting to build up and heroically battling for the best interests of Idaho Territory—first as frontiersman and next as a journalist. His name is a household word throughout the land. His life, his deeds, his very action, are so well known that to attempt to recount them at this time were unnecessary. In truth, so deeply do we feel the loss of a man like him that we have the heart to say but little about it. We regard it as a public calamity, and in saying this we only echo the expressed sentiment of the whole territory. He leaves an impress upon the country that will never be erased. \* \* \* Good-bye, 'Old Hill'! May heaven's choicest blessings shower your pathway through life, and California's brightest flowers bloom for you and yours in your new home."

HAWES, MR. RICHARD S., was born in Cornwall, England, January 2, 1848. He left home in 1866 for the United States, and, after short sojourns in New Jersey and Connecticut, went to California by way of the isthmus. For about a year he was engaged in mining at Grass Valley, and from there went to Virginia City, where he ~~mined until 1872~~, when he left there for Silver City, arriving at the latter place September 17, 1872. Was for several years night shift boss of the Empire and Poorman mines. In 1885 he engaged in the restaurant business at Silver City, which he continued until May, 1894, when he moved to De Lamar, where he has since been located.

He is the main owner of the Afterthought mine, adjoining the Oro Fino group, on War Eagle mountain.

Mr. Hawes is a prominent member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternity, and an ex-officer of the grand lodge of Masons. While at Silver City he served three terms as justice of peace. Was married on War Eagle mountain, April 3, 1874, to Miss Phillipa Edwards.

HAYS, CHARLES MARSHALL, was born in Saline county, Missouri, April 22, 1845. Crossed the plains in the year 1852, coming down the old emigrant road on the south side of Snake river, passing under the shadow of what is now known as War Eagle mountain, the thought never entering his youthful mind that thirteen years later he would return, to pass a quarter of a century at its very base; to marry and raise a family so near its majestic summit. Passing on, The Dalles, then a military post, was reached in the fall of that year. From thence down the Columbia river, and then to Portland, where the winter was spent. In the spring of 1853 he was found on Puget sound. Left the last-named place in 1857 for California, where he was educated in the public schools of Sacramento and San Francisco. In August, 1865, he left California, arriving at Ruby City, the then county seat of Owyhee county, on the eighth day of September, where he acted as Deputy County Recorder under his father, Gilmore Hays, the first Recorder of this county. Held that position until 1866, when he became Deputy District Clerk under Mr. Sol Hasbrouck, present Clerk of the Supreme Court of Idaho. Removed

from Ruby City to Silver City in the fall of 1866. In 1868 was appointed Deputy United States Internal Revenue Collector, which position he held until 1869. Was married to Miss Rebecca L. Dye, a most worthy and amiable young lady, daughter of Job F. Dye, then a merchant of Silver City. The result of such marriage was eight children, two of whom are dead, the last-dying being Mrs. M. M. Getchell. Six are now living, among whom are Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson and C. D. Hays, the latter the only son. In 1868, the subject of this sketch was nominated on a citizens' ticket for the office of Recorder, and was defeated at the general election. In 1870, Hill Beachy, the proprietor of the railroad stage line, running from Boise to Winnemucca, Nev., a distance of 265 miles, made him agent at Silver City, with full power and authority to conduct all business from that office during the absence of the superintendent. When Mr. Beachy sold out his line to the Northwest Stage Company, Mr. Hays was retained as agent; and when Mr. John Hailey purchased the line from the Northwest Stage Company, he still remained behind the stage counter. He held such position until 1880, and was acquainted with innumerable stage drivers, for whom he entertains the kindest feelings, often being heard to remark that the stage driver has a heart as big as a mountain, whose responsibilities are little appreciated by the traveling public, whose lives are in the hands of the stage driver who drives them through the valleys and over the mountains. In 1871 and 1872, Mr. Hays read law in the office of Mr. Richard Z. Johnson, afterward Attorney General Johnson, and was admitted in October, 1873, to practice as an attorney and counsellor at law, and solicitor in chancery, in all the courts of record of the then territory of Idaho. Mr. Hays has never forgotten his preceptor's kindness, regarding him as his best friend, and holding him up as an example for young lawyers to copy after.

In 1874, the republicans were seeking a candidate for sheriff, when Mr. Hays was approached by Mr. H. B. Eastman, and asked to allow his name to be placed before the republican convention for the office of sheriff. Having been but a short time before admitted to the bar, he reluctantly consented to allow his name to go before the convention. He was nominated on the first ballot, when ensued one of the hottest campaigns known in the history of Owyhee county. The county was strongly democratic, and the support of many democrats was necessary to his election. Money was spent lavishly by both sides in the campaign. The mining companies, and there were six or seven operating at that time on War Eagle mountain, were all, save one, against the republican nominee; but, to offset them, were wood and timbermen, principal among them John Catlow, Colonel W. H. Dewey, and the late William F. Sommervamp, who espoused the cause of the republican candidate, using their influence and time in his behalf, besides spending their money to help pay the expenses of the campaign; and so earnest was the work of these gentlemen, and the candidate's republican friends, that when the battle had been fought, and the votes counted, it was found that, with the aid of democratic votes, he had a majority of over 200 votes, and had carried every precinct in the county but one. Much money had been lost by the opposing candidate, in betting on his own election, the amount being estimated at \$10,000.00.

As sheriff, he used every effort to treat friends and enemies alike, making no distinction in his official duties. During his first term of office he was called upon in his official capacity to save the life of a man who got into an



*Robert H. Leonard, Sr.*



*Mrs. Adelalde V. Leonard.*

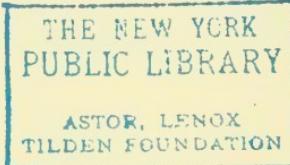


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altercation with a member of the Miners' Union, at South Mountain, a mining camp about thirty miles distant from Silver City. The man had been stabbed about 10:00 o'clock in the evening, and it was supposed that he could not live, which aroused an ill feeling in the breasts of the members of the union, who looked all night in vain for the man who had stabbed the member of the union. A telegraph line was then in operation from Silver to South Mountain. The following day, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, the sheriff received a dispatch from his deputy to come to South Mountain as soon as possible. Knowing that something of a serious nature had occurred, he went to Mr. Regan's stable, mounted the best saddle horse he had, and at 1:30 P. M. rode into the town of South Mountain, the horse and rider rather the worse for wear. But he rode not through the streets unobserved, for the friends of the person whom the infuriated men would have hanged, as well as the man they would have swung from a tree or telegraph pole, saw him pass the place where the object of the union's wrath was secreted, and it is said made the remark, "There goes the fair-haired boy." On his arrival, one of the friends of the man he had come to arrest and protect informed him that when he got ready to go he would deliver the man. The president of the Miners' Union waited upon the sheriff at once, and asked his business, which the sheriff told him. The president expressed a doubt as to his ability to take the man out of town, but was told very politely that that was what he came for, and proposed to do it. After resting for a while and preparing himself for the task by appointing Ed Ryan, Colonel Michael Lacey, Cornelius Sprowles, and a man named Malloy, as deputies, and having them furnished with double-barreled shotguns, he went to the livery stable of McLafferty & Pinkham, got a two-seated wagon, with George Pinkham as driver, and left the stable. As he drove down the street to Johnny Biggs' saloon to get one man who had been interested in the altercation, he was suddenly reminded of the remark of the president as to his ability to do it, by reason of a crowd of men appearing upon the scene in a moment, following in a trot behind the wagon. Arriving at the saloon, the man last above spoken of came down from a room above the saloon, pistol in hand, which the sheriff at once took as he entered the wagon; when Colonel Lacy gave the order to "follow me," which the driver did until he missed him in the crowd, and passed him, going as far as the grade leading to the old smelter, when Colonel Lacy came dashing up and informed the sheriff that he had passed the place of concealment of the man he was looking for. The wagon was stopped on the grade, the sheriff instructing the driver to remain there with the prisoner that he had until he returned, at the same time springing from the wagon, calling to his side his deputies, instructing them to open fire on the crowd if a shot was fired by any person under any circumstances. Fully one hundred men, wild with excitement, were all around him and the deputies, but he pressed on back to the place where the second prisoner was to be found. As the sheriff neared the place of concealment, surrounded by the crowd that had been seeking the man all the night before, the person for whom they had been looking emerged from the saloon of Malloy, coming from the rear end, down an embankment, with pistol in hand. It was but a moment until the sheriff was by his side, the deputies standing within close shooting distance. The prisoner asked to retain his pistol, which the officer permitted him to do, knowing that he was equal to any man

he had if an assault was made upon him or any of the officers. The crowd separated, and the sheriff and prisoner walked through their ranks, while they stood and looked in amazement, not uttering a word or making any demonstrations. The prisoner was placed in the wagon, the officer raised his hat to the still amazed crowd, said "Good evening, gentlemen," and was off for Silver City, the county seat. As they drove away, the sheriff was heard to remark: "Hit them on the back, George; let us get out of here as quickly as possible."

He was re-elected for a second term in 1876. In 1878 he was nominated on a citizens' ticket, and, although strongly supported by the Avalanche, was defeated. In 1875, John W. Stoddard and he were the first persons to plant a stake on a quartz lode in Wagontown district. They named it the Stoddard, and by reason of its great richness created an excitement, during which the Wilson lode was located, now known as the De Lamar lode. In 1878, he, together with John Upham and J. M. Dillinger, engaged in mining on Florida mountain, and built a quartz mill to reduce the ore, but made a failure. In 1881, the subject of this sketch went to Galena, on the head of Wood river, and from there to the middle fork of the Salmon, on a prospecting trip, but made no locations, and came home in the fall. In 1881, he was appointed deputy district attorney for Owyhee county, which position he held until elected county attorney in 1882. He was re-elected in 1884, 1886 and 1888. In the spring of 1882, he purchased a half interest in the Idaho Avalanche, of Dave Adams, and the year following the other half interest of Guy Newcomb. He conducted the paper as an independent sheet, and through its columns advocated strongly the mining industries of this county, insisting that, to prove the lodes permanent, deep mining must be done; that if worked to great depth they would prove permanent and richer. His views have been proven correct. He stood by the camp when every mining company had ceased to work, and through the columns of the Avalanche gave encouragement to miners and mine owners to stick to their mines. He not only wrote articles for his paper, upholding the good reputation of the camp, but wrote personal letters to induce capital to come to the camp; and it was he who finally induced Captain De Lamar to come to this county, and when he did come to visit all the mining camps. Of course, the older residents remember that when Captain De Lamar opened the Wilson lode and made a mine of it, calling it after himself, that capital was attracted to this county, and it was not long until the camps at Silver and De Lamar were attracting attention throughout the mining world.

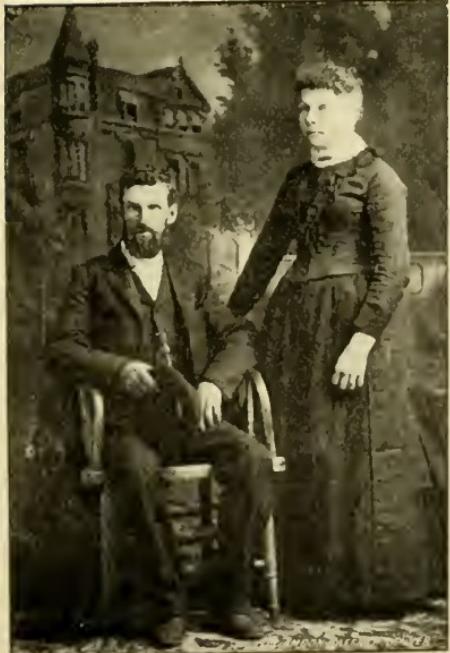
He was Captain De Lamar's attorney from the time the captain came until he sold the De Lamar mine to an English syndicate. In 1889 he was elected to the constitutional convention from Owyhee county, with the understanding that his acts should be non-partisan. In that convention he was appointed on the committee on election and franchise, on committee on corporations, and was chairman of the committee on finance and revenue. He made the figures of the amount required to run the state government, upon the theory that the government would be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the constitution. In the constitutional convention, he took a bold stand against electing state and county officers at the time that the constitution was submitted to the people for ratification; he and ten others, among whom were the late John S. Gray, Judge J. H. Beatty, A. B. Morse, of Payette; Mr. H. Mulder,



*Judge James Lynam.*



*Patrick McCabe.*



*Dougal McDonald and wife.*



*John McVann.*

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Mr. Underwood and W. H. Clagett, voting with the democrats, taking the ground that the election would be illegal and partisan, as being against the wishes of the democrats in said convention, as well as of the democratic party. It was by reason of the stand taken by these eleven that the constitution was ratified by the people and Idaho is a state today.

It was through the exertions of Mr. Hays in said convention that Cassia county (which had been part of Owyhee) was joined with Owyhee for senatorial purposes.

When Mr. Hays returned from the convention, he wrote an editorial naming Governor Shoup and William H. Clagett as the most available men for the United States senate upon the admission of Idaho. Having written and published them as such, he went to work on those lines, and used all his influence in their behalf; and when the primaries were held for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention, to nominate candidates for the legislature, a bitter partisan fight arose between those favoring F. T. Dubois and the Clagett and Shoup men.

Captain De Lamar was elected as joint senator from Cassia county, and Joseph Hawkins was elected as a representative. Both were Shoup and Clagett men.

Under the constitution, the system of electing county attorneys was changed to the present system. At the first election for state, district and county officers under the state government, Mr. Hays received the nomination for district attorney of the third judicial district, embracing at that time Boise, Ada, Washington and Owyhee counties. He was elected, and entered upon the duties of his office, which he filled with general satisfaction to the people and with credit to himself. In 1894 he was again nominated for said office, and was elected by a plurality over his opponents of between 600 and 700 votes. His term of office will expire January 1, 1899. He has since his election to that office probably prosecuted more criminals, and convicted more, than any other district attorney in Idaho in the same length of time. In the past two years and a half he has prosecuted eight murder cases, convicting one of murder in the first degree, for which the murderer was hung; three for murder in the second degree, and four for manslaughter. Probably one-third of all the convicts in the state prison are from the third judicial district. Mr. Hays never abuses a prisoner before the jury, invariably gives him a fair opportunity to introduce his evidence, and never tries to take any advantage. When a prisoner is convicted, he has never been known to sign his petition for a pardon. In 1894 Mr. Hays sold the Avalanche to L. A. York, the present proprietor.

Mr. Hays and family now live in Boise City, and, though they have moved away from Silver, yet Mr. Hays is considerably interested in Owyhee county, where he pays taxes on a ranch of 640 acres, besides stock and other personal property.

Mr. Hays is a staunch republican, as he has ever been, and in the late presidential election was a warm supporter of Mr. McKinley. In politics he is not an unknown quantity, his enemies and his friends alike always knowing where to find him.

HYDE, MR. DAVID BROWN, was born in Rome, New York, August 12, 1854. Spent his early life there in schooling, and left home in 1872, coming direct to Silver City, where he mined for about a year, and then engaged in the cattle business, in partnership with his brother, Michael Hyde, and in January, 1888, located at Bruneau valley, where he has since resided, engaged in ranching.

He is postmaster of Bruneau township, which office he has held since 1889. Is also justice of the peace of the township, and is a member of Elmore lodge, A. F. & A. M. Is married to the daughter of J. H. Crocheron, of Sinker Creek.

He owns the hotel and blacksmith shop at Bruneau, and has a well-cultivated ranch of 160 acres, besides a thrifty orchard of 300 hardy fruit trees.

JOHNSON, MR. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER, was born in Monroe county, Illinois, February 22, 1838. Came to this coast in 1852 with his parents, who settled in Yuba county, California, and at an early age he engaged in mining, and also served his time as a machinist.

Was one of the earliest arrivals in Owyhee county, coming to Ruby City in the summer of 1863, and was for several years engaged as machinist by the prominent mining companies at Silver City, until 1869, when he located a ranch at Reynolds creek, being one of the earliest settlers in that locality, and has since permanently resided there, engaged in ranching and stock raising, in partnership with George Cook, another time-honored and respected pioneer of this county.

JOHNSON, MR. RICHARD Z., was born at Akron, O., May 21, 1837, and removed with his parents to Ashland, in that state, where his youth was passed. Studied law with his father, and in New York, and took the degree of LL. B. at Yale. Was first admitted to the bar at St. Paul, Minn. Came to Owyhee county from Virginia City, Nev., in the spring of 1865, and continued to reside there in the practice of his profession until December, 1878, when he removed to Boise City, which has since been his residence.

Was a member of the council of the eleventh session of the territorial legislature, and chairman of the judiciary committee, and jointly with the late John S. Gray prepared and introduced the code of civil procedure at that session. Also drew the bill creating the independent school district of Boise City, and was for fifteen years one of the board of directors of the school. Was one of the commissioners who compiled the revised statutes of 1887; attorney general for two terms, and for several years a regent of the state university, which position he resigned, as he felt that his frequent absence in Europe prevented him from properly discharging the duties of the position. In recognition of his services the board of regents afterwards conferred upon him the degree of LL. D.

Mr. Johnson is now engaged in the practice of his profession with his son, Richard H. Johnson, who was born in Silver City.

JORDAN, MR. MICHAEL, now a resident of Reynolds, this county, came to Owyhee in May, 1864, and mined on Jordan creek for three years.



*Gilbert Mikkelsen.*



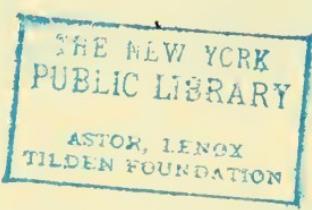
*Ezra Mills.*



*John Mitchell.*



*John Noble, Sr.*



For the next five years he followed the wood business, and afterwards had a toll road at South mountain, which he held about eighteen months. Then returned to Silver City, and kept a boarding house on War Eagle mountain for several years, and had various contracts during that time. Moved to Reynolds creek in 1884 to take charge of a toll road, and has since followed that business.

**JOYCE, MR. MATTHEW**, was born in Ireland on New Year's eve, 1830. He emigrated at an early age to America, and located at Keokuk, Illinois, where he subsequently, in 1856, was married to Mary Fahy. In 1864, with his family, he crossed the plains, and arrived at Ruby City May 20, 1865. Since that time was engaged in various enterprises, but for a number of years past was engaged in ranching and stockraising. On June 26, 1893, he met with an accident which resulted in the amputation of his leg, from the effects of which he never recovered, and his death took place September 5, 1893. Mr. Joyce was kindhearted, honest, and generous to a fault, and numbered many friends.

**KELLY, MR. JAMES PATRICK**, was born in the Province of Quebec, near Montreal, May 6, 1836, and was engaged in farming pursuits up to 1870, when he left there and came direct to Silver City, arriving there in the fall of 1870. Was engaged in mining there until 1875, when he participated in the "Bodie" excitement, and was engaged in engineering in the "Bodie mill" for over five years. He then returned to Owyhee county, and has since permanently resided here, engaged in farming. At present he is the manager of the "Bruce ranch," located at the upper end of Castle creek. He is the father of the Kelly Bros., proprietors of the Long Gulch stables at Silver City.

**LAMBERT, MR. QUIZNEE FRANCE**, was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1835. Was educated for the ministry, attending a Presbyterian theological school for nine years; but at the age of nineteen he concluded that the ministry was not to his liking, and ran away from home, going to Iowa. Later he joined a party headed toward the Golden Gate, and crossed the plains, arriving in California in 1856. Mined for a few years in San Joaquin and El Dorado counties, and then took up ranching and stockraising, at which he made a considerable fortune. Came to Silver City on June 30, 1870, via Mountain City, Nevada. He discovered the rich placer ground at Island mountain, but during a temporary absence the ground was jumped and he lost it. During his residence in Owyhee county, Mr. Lambert has been engaged in various enterprises, and has a small but well-kept ranch on Sinker creek. Was married in Silver City on June 25, 1893, to Miss Alice Colburn, of Chicago, but the alliance proved to be very disagreeable, and a divorce was obtained in 1895.

**LEONARD, ROBERT H., SR.**, was born in Bowdin, Maine, in June, 1832. At the age of twenty years (1852) he went to California via the Nicaragua route at Panama, where he followed mining and lumbering until 1861. On March 4 of that year (Lincoln's inauguration), he started with a big saw mill, teams and logging outfit for Aurora, Nevada. In the spring of 1862 he outfitted a party for a prospecting tour into Idaho.

At that time they had to blaze their own trails. They came up the Humboldt river, crossed to the headwaters of the Owyhee, and descended that river to its junction with Snake river. The latter stream was swollen, bank-full, by the spring floods, and the party was compelled to follow its windings to Lewiston before securing ferriage. Mr. Leonard's party wintered in the Salmon river country. From that point he returned to Nevada, via Portland, staging from the latter city to Aurora, a distance of nearly 1000 miles. In May, 1865, Mr. Leonard came to Silver City, having been employed by the Ainsworth Milling Company to take charge of its reduction plant on Sinker creek, on the east side of War Eagle mountain. During that summer Mr. Leonard crushed the first rock mined in the Poorman property, one hundred tons producing \$90,000.00 in bullion. In the spring of 1867 he was employed to take charge of the New York mill (20 stamps) for the Eastern owners. Subsequently he had the management of the Ida Elmore (Lincoln) mill, and afterwards leased the Minear and Cosmos mills for a term of years. In 1874 he purchased the Minear mill, and in 1875 erected a new mill adjoining. This property he sold to the Poorman company in 1894. He was married in the state of Maine, in March, 1867, to Adelaide V. Durgin. Mr. Leonard is a prominent member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. societies.

LEONARD, MRS. ADELAIDE VICTORIA, was born in Exeter, Maine, in 1840. Was married on March 26, 1867, to Mr. R. H. Leonard, Sr., leaving the following day for the groom's home in Idaho, via the Isthmus of Panama, arriving in San Francisco on April 24. From this point to Cisco, on the summit of the Sierra Nevada mountains, the trip was made by rail, but from Cisco to Silver City, a distance of over four hundred miles, the journey was by stage, they arriving at Ruby City on May 11. A royal reception greeted the bridal couple upon their arrival, the band being out in force, followed by a sumptuous banquet. During her long residence in Silver City, Mrs. Leonard has always been prominent in social affairs, and in works of charity. She is a member of the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship, and was the second president of the Rebekah state assembly. She is also a leader of Episcopal church work and a member of St. James' Guild. Three children blessed their married life. Lewis, the eldest, died at the age of 20 (1887), from accidental shooting; Robert H. Leonard, Jr., resides in Silver City, and was district clerk for the term 1890-94; the daughter, Mrs. Adelaide E. Ryan, resides at Boise, Idaho.

LEWIS, CAPTAIN JOHN S., was born in West Virginia, November 19, 1827. His parents emigrated to Missouri when he was a year old. At an early age he engaged in farming, and in 1846 enlisted as a private in the Mexican war, serving one year, and participating in several engagements. Returned home in 1847, and in 1848 went to West Virginia. From there he went to California, via Texas, arriving in California in the spring of 1850. In 1862 he went to Boise basin, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1863 he accompanied Stanford's party, who were in quest of Indians, and arrived at Ruby City that year. In 1864 he took up a ranch on the Payette river, and also engaged in mercantile business at that point. During the same year he went to the Eagle creek mines in Oregon, and remained there until



*Robert Noble.*



*Harry Olsen.*



*Capt. George W. Paul and Wife.*



*Arthur Pence.*

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1869. He then engaged in freighting between Silver City and Winnemucca, Nevada, and subsequently at Mound valley, Eureka, Tuscarora and other points in Nevada, and in 1880 returned to Owyhee county, and has since resided here up to the present date. Was engaged in mercantile business on Three creek from 1887 to 1891, and held the position of postmaster there. In 1891 moved to Hot Spring, Bruneau valley, and engaged in hotel business there in partnership with Chris Olsen, and in 1892 was appointed postmaster.

During the fall of 1884 he was a member of the fourteenth territorial legislature, representing Owyhee county.

LEWIS, JUDGE ELISHA, was born in Claylick, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1834. At the age of seventeen he left home for Ohio, where he clerked until the spring of 1853, when, in a company of ten, he crossed the plains for California, arriving there September 25, 1853. He engaged in placer mining, principally at Jackson and Indian diggings, and in the spring of 1858 joined the crowd for Fraser river, and was one of the first discoverers of the celebrated Cariboo mines. Bad health compelled him to leave British Columbia, and he settled at Dayton, Oregon. In August, 1861, he joined a company of sixty-one volunteers, for the purpose of exploring the Blue mountains. They discovered good prospects at John Day river, and returned to The Dalles and reported same in October. One Bud Woodward, a well-to-do merchant of Portland, became interested, and they organized a party of thirty-one and returned to the John Day country, but, the winter proving severe, they concluded to send their animals to The Dalles; but the party escorting them, numbering twelve, were all but one killed by the Indians, besides losing their outfits and sixty head of horses, worth, all told about \$12,000.00. The survivors of the party, upon hearing the sad news, organized a company, elected Lewis as captain, and, after a severe and perilous trip of over 200 miles, reached The Dalles on the first of March, where they were hospitably received by the inhabitants. In August, 1862, he secured an interest in a placer claim, in partnership with one L. W. Getchell, at Mormon basin, and by June, 1865, secured a homestake of \$10,000.00. With this he returned East and engaged in farming in Michigan, and on October 3, 1866, was married to Charlotte E. Colt, of Suspension Bridge, Niagara county, New York.

He continued farming at various points in the East until 1873, when he sold out and returned to the Pacific coast. During the autumn of 1864, while at Portland, he purchased from one P. M. Coffin an interest in the Crane & Dreggs mine (now Cumberland), and in July, 1865, made a visit to Owyhee for the purpose of inspecting this property, stopping at the Miners' hotel, Ruby City, and this led him to return to Silver City, where he arrived and stopped at the Idaho hotel, May 14, 1873. A month later he engaged in the general merchandise business, which he continued for over three years, and in the meantime, in 1874, purchased the Leviathan (now the Alpine) for \$4,000.00. He worked this property until he had exhausted his resources and had involved himself, but took to his old pursuit of placer mining, and on one claim in Long gulch, running from the Blaine tunnel to the mill, he took out \$6,000.00; and

in the summer of 1884 he took out of another claim, near the old Morning Star millsite, over \$2,000.00.

For two years prior to July, 1889, he served as road overseer, and was then appointed probate judge, to fill the vacancy of J. B. Coakley, and was subsequently elected to that position for three terms, his last term expiring January, 1897. He also for over twenty-one years held the position of superintendent of Sabbath schools at Silver City.

LINEHAN, MR. PATRICK, was born in the County Cork, Ireland, in March, 1841. His parents emigrated to New York city in 1851, and in 1858 he left home for New Mexico. Was engaged in stock raising there until 1861, when he went to California and mined at Shasta until 1866. From 1866 to 1870 was teaming between Boise and Silver City, Idaho, and then located on Pickett creek, where he has since permanently resided, engaged in ranching and fruit raising.

LYNAM, JUDGE JAMES, was born in New York city in 1820, afterward removing to Louisiana. In 1846 he enlisted and served as a private in the Mexican war, participating in the battle of Buena Vista. After his discharge, he joined the rush to the California gold fields, arriving there when the excitement was at its highest pitch. From Shasta, California, he visited the Florence diggings, in Idaho, and came to Owyhee in October, 1863. His trade was that of a carpenter, but during his career on this coast he devoted most of his time to mining and law. He served several terms as justice of the peace in the early history of Silver City, and also held the position of probate judge. For sixteen years he was the auditor and recorder of the county. He was an old and respected member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity. He departed this life January 20, 1893.

MCCABE, MR. PATRICK, was born in Canada in 1834. In the spring of 1857 he went to California, where he remained about one year, going to the Cariboo country in British Columbia in 1858. Came to Owyhee county in 1866, where he has since resided. Mr. McCabe is an engineer by trade, and has operated many of the largest hoists in the Owyhee mines. He was married in 1874 to Miss Ellen Sullivan. He was made a Mason in 1872, and is a prominent member of that fraternity.

MCDONALD, MR. DOUGALD, was born near Montreal, Canada, May 10, 1849. His schooling was limited, and he left home at the age of sixteen, and went to California and Nevada, where he engaged in ranching and teaming. He arrived in Silver City in the early part of 1871, and has been permanently engaged in teaming and ranching in this county since that date.

He located at Democrat September, 1895, where, aside from his freighting business, he carries on a hotel, saloon, blacksmith shop, feed stables, etc. He also owns a well-cultivated ranch of about 160 acres, located at Reynolds creek.

Mr. McDonald is well known along the line among the shippers of freight, and better known by the sobriquet of "Little Mac."



*A. J. Palmer.*



*George W. Palmer.*



*John Portlock.*



*Milton H. Presby.*

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McELMEEL, MR. STEPHEN, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1848. In 1855 his parents moved to near Dubuque, Iowa, where he received a limited schooling, and at an early age engaged in farming. Left home in 1869, and was for about five years engaged in engineering along the line of the Union Pacific railroad. Arrived at Silver City in 1874, and since then has been engaged in engineering, mining and prospecting up to present date. He took a prominent part in the Indian fight of 1878, and during that summer was one of the principal scouts of the Purdy party.

McMAHON, MR. JOHN, was born in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton island, Nova Scotia, in 1840. With his family, at the age of nine, he went to the Pennsylvania coal mines, and when thirteen years and six months old to California.

In March, 1864, in company with Con Shea, he came to Owyhee county, and followed mining until 1868, when he built the first foundry in Idaho at Silver City. In partnership with Con Shea, he engaged in teaming and cattle business for several years, and had some early-day experience with Indians. In 1871 he went to San Francisco, and was captain of guard in the United States mint for twenty-six months. He then resigned, and worked on the "Comstock" from 1876 to 1880, having previously worked there in 1862. While there, ran as state senator from Storey county, Nevada. In 1880 went to Arizona, where he erected a mill for a New York company. Returned to Silver City in 1882, and since then has been engaged in wool growing and mining, latterly mining. Isaac L. Requa, a capitalist well known in California and on the "Comstock," and McMahon together put in the first pump in the Burke and Hamilton, of Gold Hill, Nevada, in 1862.

MCVANN, MR. JOHN, was born in County Sligo, Province of Connaught, Ireland, in 1847, and came to the United States in 1870. In 1875 he came to Silver City, via Winnemucca, Nevada, residing since in Owyhee County. Followed mining and milling until 1882, and at the time of the organization of the Miners' Union in 1879 he was elected its first president. Took up ranching and stock raising in 1883; his ranch, located at the mouth of the Bruneau river, being well improved. He was deputy assessor under S. J. Pritchard in 1890, and also served a term as constable of Grandview precinct. Was twice elected justice of the peace, but never qualified.

MIKKELSON, MR. GILBERT, was born in Norway, and came to Placerville, Boise county, in 1870, coming to Owyhee county in 1872, where he has since resided. Mr. Mikkelsen has followed prospecting and mining during his long residence in this county, and recently sold the "South Central" and "Christiania" mines on War Eagle mountain (which he owned jointly with his mining partner, Steve McElmeal), to an English company, known as the South Central & Christiania Syndicate, Ltd. The property is valuable, being a south extension of the old "Illinois Central," and, while not prospected to any great extent, has thus far more than paid all expenditures made for development. Mr. Mikkelsen also owns various claims in different sections of this district, prominent among which are those of Cow creek.

MILLS, MR. EZRA, was born in New Jersey in 1840, and died at his home in Wagontown on November 4, 1896, of heart failure. Mr. Mills was the first assessor of Owyhee county, and always took an active interest in the political affairs of the state and nation. He was married in Silver City on July 29, 1867, to Miss Catherine Boehmer, and nine children, all living, blessed the union, as follows: Mrs. Ida Fry, Mrs. Mary Coburn, Mrs. Rose Bowen, Mrs. Grace Sommerville, Miss Dora, and Messrs. Alonzo, Benjamin, Timothy and James Mills. Mr. Mills was a man of humorous temperament, and a fluent writer; and, under the nom de plume of "Malheur," published many interesting narratives. He located upon a ranch at Trout creek in 1880, but in the early '90s purchased the old stage station at Wagontown, where the widow and younger children still reside.

MITCHELL, MR. JOHN, was born in Truro, Cornwall, England, March 9, 1847, but emigrated from there, with his parents, a baby in arms, to America, locating at Chicago, Illinois, and subsequently at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In 1864, at the age of seventeen, he struck out for Owyhee county, and arrived at Silver City in August of that year. He mined at Fairview, War Eagle mountain, until 1870, when he engaged in stockraising and farming, and also was in the livery-stable business at Silver City in 1880. In 1881 he located at Bruneau valley, and from 1887 to 1893 was in the livery business at Mountain Home. In 1893 he returned to Bruneau valley, and again engaged in ranching and general merchandising, and is now of the well-known firm of Mitchell & Baltzer, of that place.

Mr. Mitchell is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and was county commissioner in 1882-4.

NOBLE, MR. JOHN, SR., whom we can safely say is the oldest inhabitant of Owyhee county, is the father of Robert Noble, the well-known wool-grower of Owyhee county. Mr. Noble was born in Kirklington parish, county Cumberland, England, August 13, 1800. In 1854 he emigrated to Canada, and from there moved to Tonawanda, New York. Resided there over twenty years, and since then has resided successively in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, and has made his home in Idaho with his son, Robert Noble, since May, 1895.

He is the father of thirteen children, grandfather to thirty-nine, and great-grandfather to sixteen. His ninety-fifth birthday was celebrated with great eclat at his son's residence, on August 13, 1895, and he anticipates another joyful gathering upon reaching his century mark, on which occasion we fervently trust we may all be there to see.

NOBLE, MR. ROBERT, was born in county Cumberland, England, October 19, 1844. In 1854 his parents emigrated to Canada, and from there in 1857 to Tonawanda, New York state. At the outbreak of the Rebellion, he enlisted in the United States army, serving in the quartermaster's department, armies of the Northwest and Cumberland, until the close of the war, and, after his discharge, engaged in farming in Illinois, until 1870, when he came



*Oliver H. Purdy.*



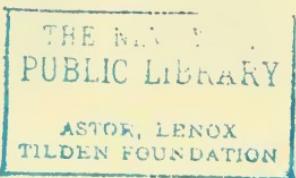
*Abram Roberson.*



*Stephen A. Roberson and wife.*



*J. W. Rowzee.*



to Idaho and engaged in sheepraising, in which he has since continued with marked success, and has been located in Owyhee county since 1874. Is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Boise commandery, and I. O. O. F. fraternities.

OLSEN, MR. HARRY, was born in Nikjoping, Falster island, Denmark, September 2, 1841. At an early age, followed the sea and visited all portions of the globe, finally settling in California in the spring of 1862. From California he went to Virginia City, Nevada, and from there came to Silver City, Idaho, April 7, 1865. Was steward for More & Fogus for about a year, and then started a poultry ranch, and operated in mines with good success. In 1873 he made a trip to Europe, married there and returned to Silver City. In 1882 he purchased the Owyhee Exchange building at Silver City, moved it to Oreana, and opened it there as the Oreana hotel, which he continued until June, 1896, when he closed it up and engaged in ranching, poultry-raising and beekeeping.

Is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and has never sought any political favors.

PAUL, CAPTAIN GEORGE WASHINGTON, was born in Dairy, New Hampshire, August 6, 1823. He received a common school education, and, after leaving school, learned the trade of carpentering. In 1842 he left home, at the age of nineteen, and visited different parts of the South, working at his trade. In 1846 he joined the St. Louis legion, and under General Taylor participated in the engagement at Monterey. He then returned to St. Louis and organized a company, of which he became lieutenant, and served on the frontier, becoming also regimental quartermaster.

At the close of the Mexican war he went to Washington, and from there struck out for California, arriving at San Francisco July 16, 1849. Engaged in mining and stockraising at the mines, and, in 1856, for about a year ran a stage line from Los Angeles to San Diego. He then engaged in cattle trading between California and British Columbia, and in 1861 went to Hong Kong, China, where he engaged in flour speculations, and on his return from there, in 1864, was shipwrecked at Cape Flattery, he and three sailors being the only ones who reached the shore, by making a raft and suffering intense privations for three days.

From 1866 to 1870 he was engaged in cattle trading between Boise City and Silver City, locating at Silver City in 1867. In 1870 he located a ranch at Castle creek, being the first settler in that section, and has since permanently resided there, engaged in ranching and fruitraising.

PENCE, MR. ARTHUR, was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, February 10, 1847. Schooled there, and was brought up on the farm. In 1864 he crossed the plains with an ox team, and spent the winter in Idaho City, the following spring engaging in mining. In 1866-7 was engaged in freighting between Umatilla and Boise; in 1868 ranned near Caldwell, and in 1869 located in Bruneau valley, where he has since permanently resided, engaged in ranching and stockraising.

Is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. fraternities, and has never aspired to any political office.

PALMER BROTHERS, THE, twin brothers, Andrew Jackson Palmer and George Washington Palmer, were born in Somerset county, Maine, November 10, 1833. At the age of seventeen they left home for Boston, where they obtained employment and remained until 1854, whn they struck out for California by way of the isthmus, reaching San Francisco in June, 1854.

They then engaged in placer-mining and hotel-keeping, in Trinity county, California, until 1864, when Andrew left for Walla Walla, leaving his brother George in Trinity county. Andrew then engaged in packing between Walla Walla and Owyhee and the basin, making several trips to Silver City. In 1869 he was joined by George, and they located in Jordan valley, engaged in ranching. In 1875, during the South Mountain excitement, they joined the crowd and went broke.

For a couple of years they mined on Florida hill, and in 1880 located at Pleasant Valley and engaged in stockraising. Gave up their ranch in 1892, but still continued in the stockraising business. Are the owners of good mining property on Florida mountain, and are also engaged in wood-contracting.

PORTLOCK, MR. JOHN, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, January 22, 1833, and left there at the age of sixteen, with his parents, and moved to Fulton county, Illinois. He went to Iowa in 1855, and remained there until 1857, when he crossed the plains for California, and was engaged in mining for several years in Shasta, Trinity and Siskiyou counties. In 1862 he made a prospecting tour to Idaho, and located at Boise basin, where he mined until 1866, when he came to Owyhee county, and was engaged in mining on the War Eagle until 1882, when he located in Bruneau valley and engaged in woolgrowing and farming.

He owns two ranches in Bruneau valley, consisting of 360 acres, fenced, partly cultivated, but mostly pasture lands.

Mr. Portlock is a member of Silver City lodge, A. F. & A. M., but has never sought an office at the hands of his neighbors.

His son, H. S. Portlock, who resides in the valley, is a native son of Idaho, and was born at Payette, Ada county.

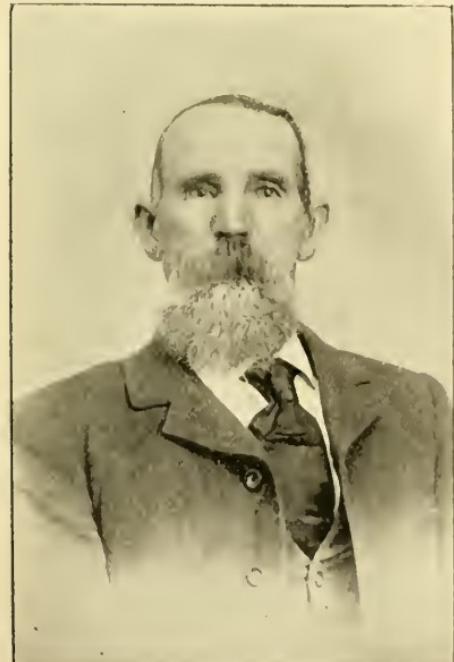
PRESBY, MR. MILTON HARRIMAN, was born in Bradford, New Hampshire, May 19, 1821. Received a common school education, and followed the farm until he reached the age of nineteen, when he went to Boston and clerked there until 1849, when he left for California, arriving there January 20, 1850. Was custom-house inspector for a short time at San Francisco, and then struck out for the mines. After farming and mining in various parts of California and Nevada, he arrived at Ruby City, July 4, 1865, and engaged in the dairy business at Silver City, his dairy being located at Avondale, two miles from Silver City. Did a lucrative business there, and in March, 1870, located at Castle creek, where he was engaged in ranching up to the time of his death, which occurred April 24, 1895.



*George O. Sampson.*



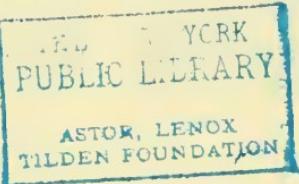
*John Scales.*



*Charles E. Share.*



*Mrs. Diadama H. Share.*



Mr. Presby was postmaster at Castle Creek thirteen years, and held the office of justice of peace in that precinct over eighteen years. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

PURDY, MR. OLIVER HAZARD, was born in Barre, Orleans county, N. Y., September 12, 1824. He crossed the plains in '49, and was for several years engaged in mining at the various diggings in California. Subsequently he taught school in Oregon, and when the Boise basin excitement broke out was one of the first to reach that locality.

He was a member of the "twenty-nine" party who on May 18, 1863, discovered the Owyhee mines, and was engaged in mining at Silver City until 1870, when he went to Utah; but returned in 1874 to Silver City, where he resided up to the time of his decease.

When the safety of Silver City was threatened by the Bannock Indians, in June, 1878, he was one of the first to enlist in the volunteer company organized for the defense of the settlements, and lost his life in the engagement with the Indians that took place at South Mountain on June 8, 1878. He was deputy auditor and recorder of Owyhee county for several years, and on the death of County Treasurer Henry Hyman, in 1875, was appointed to fill his place. He was also principal of the public school at Silver City for a good many years, was a member of the Masonic fraternity, for several years secretary of the grand lodge of Idaho, and was a prominent Odd Fellow; was buried in the Masonic cemetery at Silver City.

ROBERSON, MR. ABRAM, was born in Crawford county, Indiana, August 10, 1819. His family left there when he was seven years old, and settled in Adams county, Illinois. In 1833 he left home and settled in Wapello county, Iowa. In 1851 he crossed the plains with an ox team, and spent about five years in Oregon and California, engaged in mining. In 1856 he returned home by way of the isthmus, and remained there until 1864, when he again came West and located at Boise City. He moved to Bruneau valley in 1869, where he has since permanently resided, engaged in ranching and stockraising.

ROBERSON, MR. STEPHEN ANDREW, was born in Wapello county, Iowa, October 23, 1849. He was the son of Uncle Abe Roberson, a prominent pioneer of Bruneau valley, and at the age of fifteen, with his parents, located in Boise City, Idaho, in the fall of 1864. He followed the business of cattle-raising, and located in Bruneau valley in 1869, where he resided up to the time of his demise, which occurred July 25, 1893, and was buried at Bruneau, the funeral being largely attended.

He was married at Caldwell, in 1883, to Miss Nettie Bishop, who still survives him, and who resides on the old homestead at Bruneau.

Mr. Roberson was a man possessed of sterling and popular qualities, and his early demise was deeply deplored by his neighbors and associates.

ROWZEE, MR. J. W., was born in Madison county, Virginia, September 4, 1846. At the outbreak of the Rebellion, he espoused the cause of the Con-

federacy, and enlisted in the Fourth Virginia cavalry, and served until the surrender of Lee's army at Appomattox courthouse; and after the disbandment of the army returned to his home in Virginia. In the spring of 1871 he struck out for the West via Texas, crossing the plains with a herd of cattle belonging to George T. Miller, now of Healdsburg, California, bound for Idaho, and arrived at Silver City October 27, 1871, since which date he has resided continuously in Owyhee county, engaged in the stockraising business, and at present resides at Catherine creek, where he has a fine ranch of 160 acres, mostly under cultivation.

SAMPSON, MR. GEORGE O., was born in California in 1857, and came to Idaho with his parents in 1864, first locating at Boise. He came to Silver City in 1871, and followed engineering for about fifteen years, running some of the largest hoists in the camp. In 1893 he purchased the Silver City & De Lamar stage line, and in January, 1894, in partnership with Mr. J. C. Brown, bought out the De Lamar Livery Company, and in October, 1895, they also purchased the Owyhee livery stables, of Silver City. In October, 1896, they sold the De Lamar livery stable and the stage line to Messrs. Scott, McCain and Forney, retaining the Silver City business, which is conducted in a metropolitan manner. In 1896 they purchased the big Palmer ranch, in Pleasant valley, having about 800 acres under fence, and cutting fully 300 tons of hay the past season. They have an abundance of pasturage for their surplus livery stock, etc. Mr. Sampson represented Owyhee county in the 1888 session of the legislature. He is a member of the Masonic and K. of P. societies.

SCALES, MR. JOHN, was born in Ireland, in 1840. Emigrated to the state of Maine in 1855, and in 1868 came to Owyhee county, via the Isthmus of Panama and California. Located at Silver City, and followed mining and milling until 1877, when, in partnership with John Wagener, he purchased the Shoenbar arrastra, and the Trook & Jennings mine. The arrastra has since been run as a custom mill. In 1891 Mr. Scales discovered that a considerable amount of valuable tailings was going to waste from the big DeLamar mill, and, after making satisfactory arrangements with the De Lamar company, he purchased the Ed. Moss ranch, three miles below, upon which he excavated large reservoirs, and built a flume from the mill to the same. In 1893 he erected a "tailing mill" upon the property, and the enterprise has proven highly successful and very profitable. Mr. S. T. N. Smith, of Silver City, owns a one-third interest in the business.

Mr. Scales was married in 1879. He has served Owyhee county as commissioner for three terms.

SCHUSTER, MR. FRANK, was born in Rhein Provinz, Preussen, December 13, 1822. At an early age he followed the sea, and on May 6, 1854, landed at San Francisco, and coasted until 1855, when he followed in the wake of the "Kern-river excitement." On his return was farming in Santa Clara valley, California, and then was placer mining in Klamath county, and other prominent diggings in Oregon, until the spring of 1862, when he purchased a pack train at Yreka, and struck out from Umatilla for Idaho City. In



*S. T. N. Smith.*



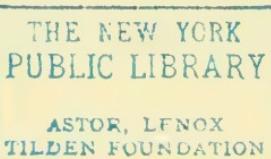
*William F. Sommercamp.*



*Lyman Stanton.*



*William S. Stevens.*



1866 he arrived at Silver City, disposed of his pack train, and purchased an interest in the mercantile firm of Henry Myers & Co. In 1868 he retired from business and subsequently took a ranch at Reynolds creek for an indebtedness, and has since resided there, engaged in ranching and stock raising.

SHARE, MR. CHARLES EDWARD, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, September 29, 1835. In 1858 he handled the ribbons for the old Butterfield Overland Stage Company, running from St. Louis, Missouri, to San Diego, California; and subsequently drove the stage from Virginia City, Nevada, to Austin, Nevada, until the completion of the Central Pacific railroad. He then held the box-seat for the Woodruff & Emor line, running between Palisades, Nevada, and Eureka, Nevada, until 1874, when he came to Idaho and drove stage for the Northwest stage line, running between Silver City and Boise City. Retired from stagedriving in April, 1877, and opened his well-known resort, Share's stage house, where the old veteran's genial features are familiar to all those who have the good fortune to patronize his hostelry.

On June 24, 1875, he was married to Miss Diadama Harriet Dryden, daughter of Father Dryden, and the happy couple celebrated their china wedding on June 24, 1895, at which time it was the heartfelt wish of every participant that the genial host and hostess should live to enjoy their golden wedding. Mr. Share was county-commissioner for the term of 1887-8.

SHARE, MRS. DIADAMA HARRIET, nee Dryden, was born in Linn county, Missouri, February 11, 1851, and in 1864 crossed the plains in a prairie schooner, with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dryden, the family settling in Middleton, Idaho, until 1866, when they moved to Reynolds creek, where they have since resided. She is the wife of Charles E. Share, and was united to him June 24, 1875, and celebrated her china wedding June 24, 1895, amidst the felicitations and congratulations of her many friends, who unanimously wished her the happiness of witnessing her golden wedding.

SMITH, S. T. N., was born in Meddybemps, Washington county, Maine, on November 21, 1842. Left for California in 1863, arriving there in November of that year, and came to Silver City, Idaho, in October, 1865. On the sixth day of November he secured employment with the Cosmos company, grading for its mill building, and continued work with that company until the summer of 1868. The erection of the Cosmos mill is without precedent in Owyhee mill building. Ground was broken for the same on November 6, 1865, at which time not a stick of timber or a piece of machinery was upon the ground, but the ten-stamp mill was completed and the engine started on February 14, 1866, just one hundred and one days, and that in the dead of an Owyhee winter. In July, 1868, Mr. Smith bought a half interest in F. Brainard's Pleasant valley ranch. In November, 1871, he went back to New England on a visit, and was married at Machias, Maine, on May 19, 1872, to Miss E. Edgecomb, of that city, returning to Pleasant valley in July. Sold out the ranch in September, 1874, to Mr. John Catlow, and returned to Silver City, where he purchased the Charles Leonard drug store, which business he conducted continuously until November, 1889, when he disposed of the same to M. Oberdorfer. Mr. Smith was appointed postmaster in 1888, but resigned in

favor of Mr. Oberdorfer when he sold his drug store. On December 1, 1889, he purchased the Idaho hotel from Mr. T. Regan, and has since conducted this excellent hostelry. In 1892 Mr. Smith was nominated by the republican party for county treasurer, and his popularity was such that his nomination was endorsed by the democrats, and he was elected without opposition. In 1894 he was re-elected in the same manner, and in 1896 refused to allow his name to go into the convention. Mr. Smith's wife died July 25, 1875. On March 21, 1877, he was married to Mrs. M. E. Wilson, the present hostess at the Idaho. Mr. Smith is interested in numerous mining enterprises, and owns a one-third interest in the Scales tailing-mill business at Wagontown. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

SOMMERCAMP, MR. WILLIAM FRANZ, was born in Hanover, Germany, April 18, 1828. Emigrated to the United States and settled at Independence, Missouri, in 1847. In 1852 he went to Albany, Oregon, and three years later took up his residence at Shasta Valley, California. Came to Silver City in 1864, and established himself in business, bringing his family here the following year. Mr. Sommervamp was prominent in the early placer mining of Owyhee, in and about old Ruby City, and constructed one of the big Florida mountain ditches, with extensive flumes, for conveying water upon his ground. He was a good business man, enterprising in all matters of a public nature, and generous to a fault. At the time the War Eagle mines closed down, owing business men and employes large sums of money, Mr. Sommervamp headed the subscription paper for the relief of destitute miners and their families, and was always foremost in works of charity. For a number of years prior to his death he had large cattle and horse interests, and a well-improved ranch on Squaw creek. He was also largely interested in mining, having a large group of valuable claims on De Lamar mountain, and the Potosi property in Silver City. The former group was afterwards purchased by the De Lamar company. After a long life of usefulness, in which he had accumulated a fair fortune, Mr. Sommervamp met with a violent death. He was at his De Lamar mines, making some measurements near the St. Clair shaft, and tripped and fell into the shaft. The shaft was not deep, but he evidently struck some timbers, and was dead when reached. His death, which occurred on August 7, 1890, was universally regretted, and the funeral, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., fraternity, was one of the largest ever held in Owyhee. His wife, three sons and one daughter now reside in Weiser, this state.

STANFORD, MR. LYMAN, was born in Schuyler county, New York, February 25, 1827. He left home for California in 1859, and located at Sacramento. From there went to Red Bluff, where he engaged in mercantile business until 1863, when he went to Lewiston, Idaho, and was a member of the first territorial legislature of Idaho. In the spring of 1864 he was appointed by the governor of the territory, sheriff of Owyhee county, and was subsequently, at the first election held in the county, elected to that position, which he held one year. He died at North Powder, Oregon, March 22, 1897.

STEVENS, MR. WILLIAM S., was born in Ross county, Ohio, July 29, 1829. In 1847 his family moved to Iowa, where his father died; and in 1850



*Chris Studer.*



*John R. Thomas*



*Eldridge A. Thompson.*



*William H. Townsend.*

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he crossed the plains for California, with an ox team, arriving at Nevada City September 19, 1850. Mined there and in other localities until 1863, when he went to Humboldt county, Nevada. From there he struck out for the Owyhee mines, reaching there in June, 1864, and was one of the volunteers of the Jordan party, who routed the Indians in the Owyhee canyon in July, 1864, in which engagement Jordan and Carroll were killed. He mined in Oro Fino, Poorman and other prominent mines in the early days, and was also engaged in prospecting on his own account. In 1868 was elected sheriff of Owyhee county, and re-elected in 1870. Was married to Harriet A. Fell on October 7, 1868. They have one daughter, Mrs. E. L. Ballard, of Silver City. In 1875 Mr. Stevens located at Flint, and engaged in the stock business, which he still follows. Was elected and served as county commissioner for the 1881-2 term. Mr. Stevens is a Masonic member.

STUCKER, MR. A. J., was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, December 14, 1828. Moved to Iowa in 1850, and crossed the plains for California in 1854. Arrived at Silver City in 1865, and, as he himself aptly remarks, "has never been out of the sight of old War Eagle mountain since." For over thirty years has been engaged in the blacksmith and wagon-building business in Owyhee county, being at present located at Guffey, this county.

STUDER, MR. CHRIS, was born in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1839. While farming in Illinois in 1859, he made the acquaintance of Jacob Dellenbach, and, at the breaking out of the Pike's Peak excitement, they struck out for that place, crossing the plains with an ox team. Meeting with disappointment at Pike's Peak, they continued on to California, and located at Weaverville, where they engaged in placer mining. In 1865, together they came to Silver City, and took up a wood ranch until the summer of 1868, when, in partnership with Joseph C. Gross and Frank Schuster, they became the owners of the Blue Guleh gravel claim on Florida mountain. At the "Indian outbreak" in June, 1878, Mr. Studer was one of the first to volunteer his services, and at the disastrous engagement at South mountain, on June 8, 1878, nobly gave up his life in defense of the hearths and homes of Owyhee county. He was a worthy member of the I. O. O. F., and his funeral, which took place June 10, 1878, at Silver City, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., was one of the largest witnessed in this locality, citizens and strangers to the number of several hundred participating in the sad demonstration. Mr. Studer was a plain, unassuming man, and held in high esteem by all his acquaintances.

THOMAS, MR. JOHN R., was born in the Island of Anglesea, North Wales, on May 10, 1841. Commenced mining at an early age, and in 1864 emigrated to Nova Scotia, where he was engaged in mining until 1868, when he struck out for California, and for about two years was coal mining on Mount Diablo. In the spring of 1870 he went to Owyhee county, and for several years was foreman of several mining companies on War Eagle mountain. In 1883 he went to Wood river, and returned from there in 1896, accepting the position of foreman of the Florida Mountain Mining Company, which position he still holds. Mr. Thomas has had a vast and varied experience in

mining matters, and is looked upon as an authority in mining circles generally. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

THOMPSON, ELDRIDGE A., was born in Hookset, N. H., February 20, 1833. Came to California in 1857, via the Isthmus of Panama; to Elk City, Idaho, in 1862; to Boise Basin in April, 1863, and to Owyhee in June, 1864, where he has since resided. Mr. Thomson has been chiefly engaged in mining, but clerked at various times for William Hardiman, Du Rell & Moore, Sol Hearst, and others. He owns the Advalorem and Idlewild mines, on War Eagle mountain, both valuable properties. For the past eight years he has held the position of chief clerk at the Idaho hotel, for the proprietor, S. T. N. Smith, and also served as deputy treasurer for the two terms of that office held by Mr. Smith. Mr. Thompson is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity.

TOWNSEND, MR. WILLIAM HENRY, was born at Shoreham, Vermont, on April 12, 1832, and, with his parents, at the age of twelve, emigrated to Winnebagò county, Wisconsin, where he remained until February, 1853, when he crossed the plains for California, where he mined at all the prominent mining localities until 1857. Then he engaged in ranching in Mendocino county, California, remaining there until the spring of 1862, when he joined a party bound for Powder river district, and landed in what is now called Owyhee county in June, 1863, camping on the site of what was subsequently known as Ruby City. Since then he has been engaged in mining up to about fifteen years ago, when he entered the furniture and undertaking business, in which he has since continued.

Mr. Townsend participated in the several Indian fights of the county, is a member of the I. O. O. F., and served two terms as county commissioner.

TOY, MR. WILLIAM, was born in Cornwall, England, on May 15, 1845. Received only a limited schooling, and engaged in mining at an early age. In 1862 he emigrated to America, and located in Michigan, where he mined for several years in the Phoenix and Cliff copper mines. In 1868 he came West, and, after a year mining at Virginia City, Nevada, he located at Silver City, and was engaged in mining in the Allison, Poorman and Golden Chariot mines until 1884, when he purchased a ranch at Castle creek, where he has since permanently resided, engaged in farming and stock raising.

Is a member of the Silver City Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and also was a member of the Miners' Union at Fairview, serving as vice-president in that order in the year of 1876.

TURNER, MR. JOHN, was born in London, England, October 22, 1841. He received only a limited schooling, and at an early age followed the occupation of grazier. At the age of twenty-five he emigrated to the United States, and followed various pursuits, participating in the construction of the Union Pacific railroad. In September, 1869, he located in the Bruneau valley, where he has since resided, continuously engaged in stockraising and farming.



*John Turner.*



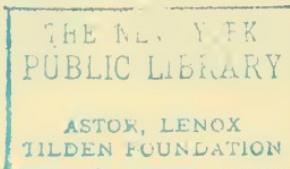
*John Upham.*



*Louis W. Walker*



*Thomas J. West.*



Mr. Turner does not belong to any society, and has never sought any office within the gift of his neighbors, but took a prominent part in the Indian wars of the valley. He is the owner of one of the largest and prettiest ranches in the valley, a view of which we present in another portion of this work.

TURNER, MRS. EMMA, nee Footman, the wife of the well-known rancher of Bruneau valley, Mr. John Turner, was born in London, England, March 12, 1848, and was married to Mr. Turner, March 19, 1866. With her husband, she located in the Valley of the Bruneau, September, 1869, and has since that date presided over the household of the Turner family in that locality.

Mrs. Turner enjoys the distinction of being the first white lady settler in the Bruneau valley, and is the mother of William Isaac Turner, whose wife is the daughter of Wenzel Turmes, of Shoo Fly, and Miss Adelaide Turner, who resides at the Turner homestead.

UPHAM, MR. JOHN, was born in England, September 24, 1819, but his boyhood was spent in France. At the age of eighteen he came to the United States, and settled in Maine, where he followed the trade of pump and blockmaker. In 1851 he struck out for California, and resided for several years at Grass Valley, and subsequently at Dun Glen, Nevada. In 1868 he came to Silver City, making it his home, and was for several years engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, in partnership with W. H. Townsend. He departed this life May 29, 1895, after a lingering illness, and was buried at Silver City. Was a member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities, Knight Templar commandery, Champion Red Cross, Temple of Honor and Sons of Temperance.

WALKER, MR. LEWIS WILSON, was born in Frederick, Maryland, October 19, 1838. Left home in 1856, and went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he obtained employment as a barber, and remained there until 1859, when, with one Mr. Alden, he went to St. Joe, Missouri, and took charge of the barber shop connected with the Patee house. When the war broke out he went to Denver and opened up a barber shop there. In the spring of 1862 he left Denver, bound for the Salmon river diggings, crossing the plains with an ox team, the trip being a perilous one, the outfit being attacked by Indians on several occasions. On reaching Idaho, the Salmon river excitement having abated, he made his way to Auburn, Oregon, and from there he went to Boise basin, where he spent the summer of 1863. Returned to Auburn, Oregon, and from there struck out for Owyhee county, arriving at Ruby City in April, 1864. He opened a barber shop there, and in the fall moved to Silver City, being one of the first to erect a building there. Continued in business at Silver City until 1880, when he went to Wood river and opened a shop, remaining there until 1890, when he returned to Owyhee county and opened a shop at De Lamar, continuing there until a year ago, when he engaged in business at Dewey, where he is at present located. Mr. Walker has large real estate holdings in Silver City, De Lamar and Dewey, and has unbounded faith in the future of Owyhee county.

WEST, MR. THOMAS LATCHFORD, was born in London, Canada, March 7, 1840. He passed his youth on his father's farm at London, Canada, and at the age of twenty went to Mayfield, California, where for three years he managed the racing farm of his uncle. He then left for Virginia City, Nevada, where he secured a position in a quartz mill, and in 1866 he located in Owyhee county, Idaho, and for about two years was engaged in sheep-raising. He then entered the Golden Chariot mine, at Fairview, Idaho, where he soon assumed the foremanship, holding that position until the close-down, ten years later.

In 1874 he was married to Miss Matilda Umber, of Fairview, and, in 1881, accompanied by his family, he left for Richmond basin, near Globe City, Arizona, where he took charge of the McMorris mine, holding same until its close-down, three years later. He then returned to Idaho and purchased a farm on Sinker creek, but was offered the superintendency of the Gloster mine, at Helena, Montana, which he accepted, and managed the same until it was closed down, seven years later. He also had charge of the Wickes and Spotted Horse mines, near Helena, and declined a lucrative position at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on account of ill health. He returned with his family to his farm on Sinker creek, and was shortly afterward stricken with paralysis. In this condition was removed to Boise, where, after a lingering illness of three years, he expired January 5, 1895, leaving a widow and four sons and daughters.

Mr. West was recognized as a mining expert of marked ability, and during his mining experience of many years experted and developed many mines of wonderful richness. Was a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the rank of Knight Templar, and an honest man, honored and respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

WHITSON, MR. JAMES HARVEY, was born in Kentucky, December 31, 1807. On arriving at the age of manhood was engaged in schoolteaching in Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa, up to 1864, and was also several terms county clerk and assessor at Marysville, Missouri.

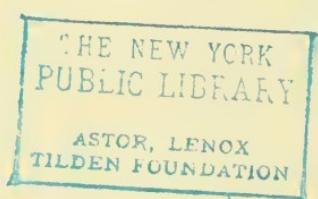
In 1864 he came West and located at Boise City, where he engaged in farming and stockraising, and was for two terms county commissioner of Ada county, Idaho, and also held the office of county superintendent of schools in that county, up to the time of its abolishment by the legislature.

In 1869 he located at Bruneau valley and engaged in farming, and resided alternately on his ranches at Boise City and Bruneau valley up to the time of his death, which occurred January 6, 1890, at Bruneau, where he was buried.

Mr. Whitson was highly honored and respected, not alone for his learning, but for the creditable and satisfactory manner in which he filled the honorable positions entrusted to him by his fellow-citizens.



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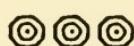
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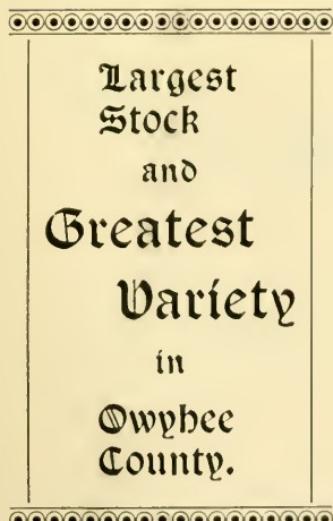


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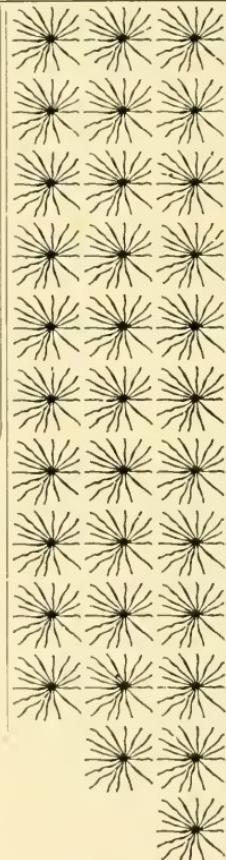
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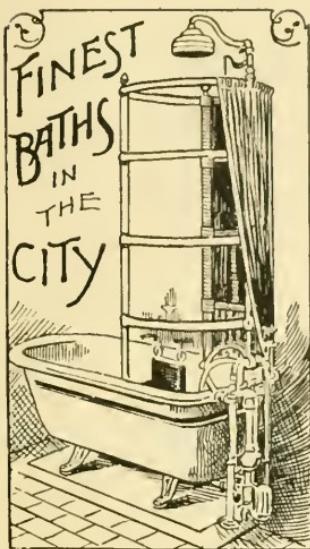
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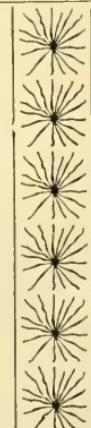
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